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County working to secure land for new animal shelter

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

With the expiration of its lease due at the end of the year, board members of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County are working closely with the Road Commission and County Board of Commissioners to secure a suitable parcel of land for the construction of a new facility.

"Where we are going to build a new shelter has been the sticking point," said Shelter Board President Sharon Priebe. "That piece of land at the fairgrounds originally set aside is just too remote and poses many concerns for us, including access, security and visibility. The Road Commission and the County Commissioners have been very receptive and cooperative in our search for a better location."

Road Commissioners Ken Riehle, Jim Burtch and John Hartman, along with Managing Director Don Babcock, agreed they are willing to work with the shelter to keep it in operation while land is secured, funds raised and new facility constructed, but they are firm on the need for the shelter to relocate to allow the Road Commission facilities to expand.

To help move the project along, the County Board passed a resolution May 19, by a unanimous vote, asking the State of Michigan to combine a parcel east of M-93 and the original

parcel deeded to the shelter "to allow the county to relocate the animal shelter closer to a main access and the balance of the combined parcels be used for sports and recreational programs, such as baseball, football, soccer, archery, horseback riding and other similar activities."

The County Board contracts with the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, a 501c(3) non-profit organization, to take in and care for stray animals brought in by the county's Animal Control Officer. Without the shelter, the county would have to contract outside of the county for those services or construct and operate its own dog pound at a much higher cost to the taxpayers.

"We really hope the State is gracious and grants the county's request for relocation of the shelter's building site," Priebe said. "Once that transaction is complete, we can work hard at securing the funds needed to build a new facility that has been desperately needed for many years. Without a definite building site, we have found it very difficult to find grant funding for the construction."

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County currently has about \$76,000 in its Capital Improvement Fund, of the approximately \$250,000 needed

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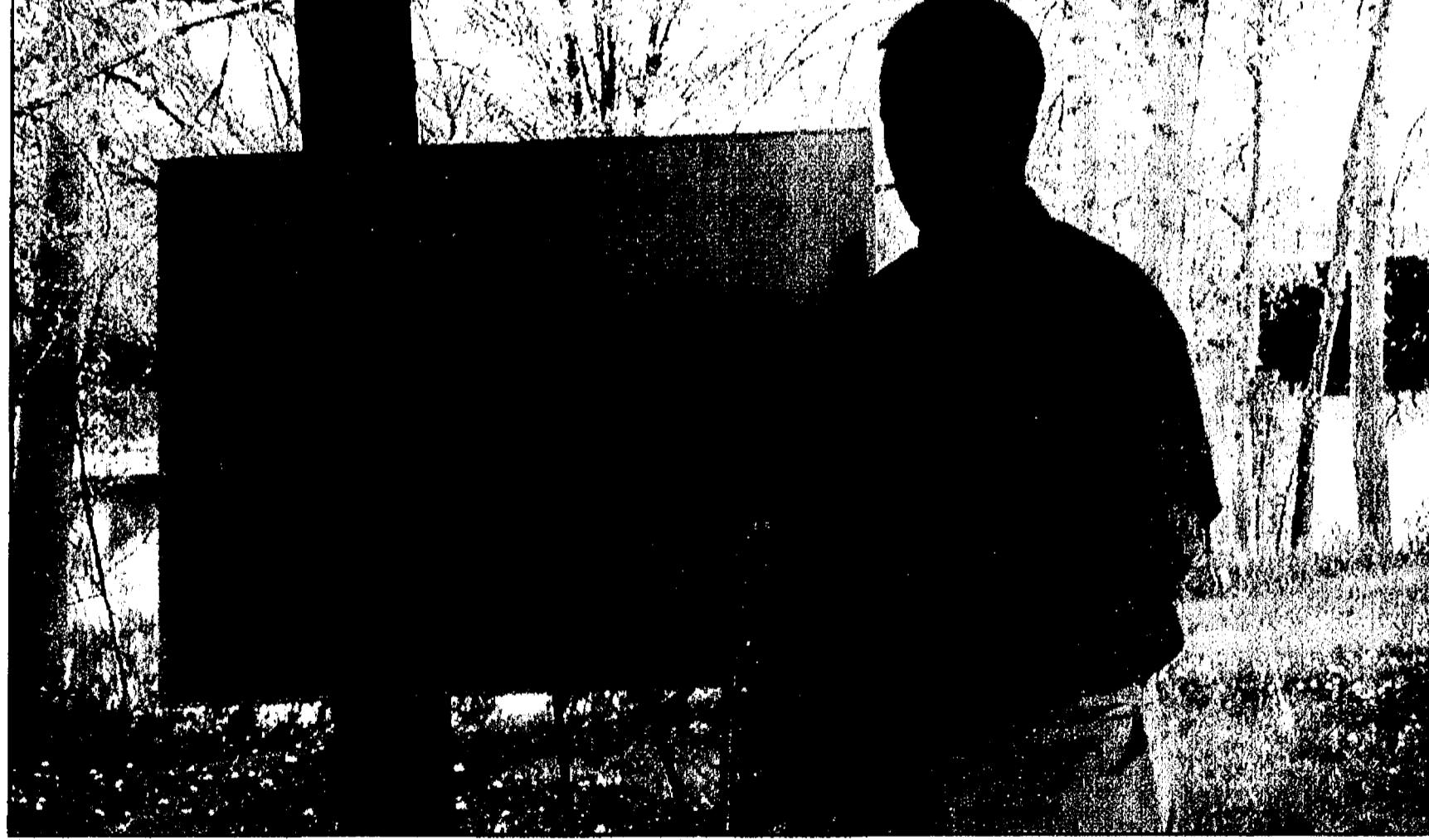
Those men sure can cook!



Photos courtesy of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce

Some of the greatest chefs in Crawford County put on a spread to tantalize the taste buds of those who attended the annual "Men Who Cook" fundraiser on May 15, at the Camp Grayling Officers Club, sponsored by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. Fourteen local men cooked, baked, stir-fried or roasted enough food to serve about 120 people. (Above) In the foreground, Don Bowers and Skip Madsen serve up Wild Rice Chicken Soup, while behind them Monte Burmeister ladies up his Cajun Surprise for hungry diners. (Left) Dave Dubriwny keeps the stir fry dish going that he and John Jones (not shown) offered for the event. Also participating were Brian Palmer, Mike Barr, Skip Kaiser, David Borkowski, Mike Smith, Norm Schmoock, Scott Hanson, Steve Peterson, Ernie Dawson and Tim Zigila.

Mason Tract protection plan unveiled



State Representative Matt Gillard was in Grayling on May 14 to promote a series of bills designed to protect northern Michigan waters.

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

At a press conference held in Grayling last week, State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) unveiled an oil and gas reform package that would create the nation's toughest

statewide drilling noise limit.

The four bills introduced by Gillard would decrease the volume of permissible industrial noise at all new oil and gas facilities in Michigan and seek to prevent exploratory drilling on state-owned land at four of

the northern Lower Peninsula's most prized waterways and forests - the Mason Tract in Crawford County, the Jordan River Valley management area, Sand Lakes Quiet Area and the Pigeon River Country management area.

"Michigan's environment and its economy go hand-in-hand. This plan strikes a balance between protecting public recreation and private property rights," Gillard said. "By

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Memorial Day services to be held at Elmwood Cemetery on May 31

Memorial Day services, sponsored by Grayling American Legion Post 106, will take place at the flag pole in Elmwood Cemetery at the corner of the I-75 Business Loop and North Down River Road at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 31.

Members of the Legion, National Guard and the Grayling High School band will take part in the services.

The main address on the meaning of Memorial Day will be given by Lacey Stephan, Jr., an Elder at the Community of Christ Church.

Everyone living in or visiting

the Crawford County area are invited to attend to honor those men and women who have served their country in its Armed Forces at any time. Military personnel are welcome to wear their uniform.

Anyone who has a deceased veteran in any Crawford County cemetery who does not have a flag or a flag holder on the grave, please pick one up at the Legion Post.

Flags and flag holders for Pioneer Cemetery should be picked up at the Roscommon Post, and the other seven in the county from the Grayling Post.

Name omitted from August 3 primary list

One name was inadvertently omitted from the list of primary candidates published in last week's issue of the Avalanche.

Republican Kathy Rogers, of Grayling, is seeking her party's nomination to serve as Crawford County Commissioner for District #1 representing the City of Grayling. She will compete in the August 3 primary election with fellow Republicans Deborah Hadley and Jerry Hayes.

No Democrats are running in the race for the District #1 seat. Incumbent Harold "Tike" Golnick will not be seeking re-election.

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ORV added to Frederic rescue unit



Frederic Fire Chief Doug Pratt shows the "newest" piece of rescue equipment the department owns. The off-road vehicle (ORV), to be used for rescue operations throughout the county, was donated to the department by Sheriff Kirk Wakefield. Wakefield received the ORV from the Department of Natural Resources after they confiscated it. He donated it to the Frederic department because it specializes in snowmobile and ORV rescues. Last year, they used an ORV owned by one of the department volunteers to perform rescues during the spring, summer and fall. Attached to the ORV is one of their snowmobile rescue sleds used to transport the injured. When winter returns, the sled will be refitted to again work in the snow.

Mason Tract protection plan unveiled

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working together, we can ensure that the peace and tranquility of Michigan's outdoor treasures - our rivers, forests, lakes and streams - are preserved for the enjoyment of future generations."

While many individual communities across the United States have imposed industrial noise abatement standards, these bills would make Michigan the first in the nation to enforce a uniform noise abatement code on a statewide basis. Gillard said the technology is available, but the industry is reluctant to use it because it is more costly.

The proposed legislation is in response to a plan by a Traverse City firm to drill for natural gas near the state-owned Mason Tract along the South Branch of the AuSable River, regarded as one of the nation's premier trout streams.

The idea of sensibly guiding future oil and gas development in Michigan's wilderness areas is based in part on fears that loud noise and unsightly drilling operations will harm the state's hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation industry, which according to the DNR contributes almost \$8 billion annually to the state economy. An estimated 75 percent of Grayling's local economy and labor force in Crawford County, is supported by tourism spending, according to the Grayling Area Visitors Council.

"Michigan's economic future depends on protecting our natural areas," Gillard said. "The oil and gas industry should respond

Mason Tract Protection Bills

The following is a summary of the bills to protect the Mason Tract which were recently introduced by Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena). They are currently before the Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Committee.

• House Bill 5652 - Noise and Road Standards

Protect residents and outdoor enthusiasts from oil and gas noise by establishing a uniform standard for new oil and gas surface facilities of 50 decibels at 100 feet (approximately equal to the hum of a kitchen refrigerator). The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would enforce the provision. The bill further limits the width of new or improved roads on state lands necessitated by oil and gas development to 20 feet, except to provide a safe turning radius at corners or under special circumstances approved by the DEQ.

• House Bill 5651 - Swapping Federal Oil and Gas Rights

The bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to immediately enter into discussions

with federal agencies that hold subsurface oil and gas rights on state land within the Mason Tract, Sand Lakes Quiet Area, Pigeon River Country management area and the Jordan River Valley management area and attempt to exchange such federal rights with state oil and gas rights on federal lands.

• House Bill 5650 - Inventory of State and Federal Oil and Gas Rights

The bill requires the DNR to report on its efforts under HB 5651 and include an inventory of state lands in the four areas listed above where the federal government owns oil and gas rights; an inventory of federal lands on which the state owns oil and gas rights; a recommended strategy for acquiring federal oil and gas rights in the listed areas; an analysis of the prospects for swapping oil and gas rights with the federal government that includes the key barriers to executing such swaps; and a cost estimate for a valuation analysis that

• House Bill 5651 - Swapping Federal Oil and Gas Rights

The bill requires the DNR to gauge the value of the state's severed oil and gas rights on federal lands to help facilitate

swaps.

• House Bill 5649 - Using the Natural Resources Trust Fund to Acquire Severed Mineral Rights

The bill requires the Natural Resources Trust Fund board to give priority to the purchase of severed mineral rights to state land if the board determines that the lands have recreational, environmental, or scenic importance and the uses of the land will be adversely affected by the exploration or production of subsurface minerals. The bill further requires the DNR to annually assess opportunities to acquire severed mineral rights and include those potential acquisitions in an application for funding from the trust fund.

• House Resolution 219 - Urge Congress to align federal-state mineral rights with surface rights on public lands

A resolution to memorialize (petition) Congress, the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to work with the state DNR to align mineral rights with surface rights on publicly owned lands.

soon as possible.

He urged everyone who is interested in saving these areas to get involved by contacting their legislators, visiting the website www.masontract.com to sign an on-line petition and keep up with the latest developments and place a sign in their front yard showing your support for the plan.

Signs are available locally at the Grayling Area Visitors Bureau, Gates AuSable Lodge, and the Fly Factory. They may also be obtained by calling toll-free 1-866-MATT-106.

County working to secure land for new animal shelter

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for construction of a shelter designed with the help of Ed Parks, who also designed the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. Priebe said many local tradesmen have shown interest in providing work-in-kind to complete the new facility once a suitable building site can be secured.

Last year, the shelter board

applied for a \$100,000 grant through DTE Energy, but in its first year of offering three grants of that amount, the DTE Foundation awarded funding to Detroit-area concerns. The shelter will apply again this year for the DTE grant.

In 2003, the shelter found homes for 96-percent of the dogs and puppies it took in. "Without the ongoing support of this com-

munity, we couldn't do the job we do at the shelter," said Dixie Lobsinger, shelter manager. "It is going to take continued hard work and support to build a new facility and stay on our mission of caring for homeless animals, finding them new homes, and getting the word out about the importance of spaying and neutering."

Governor declares May 24-30 as 'Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week'

► Travelers urged not to move firewood over weekend

LANSING - Governor Jennifer M. Granholm recently formally declared the week of May 24 "Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Awareness Week" throughout Michigan.

With her declaration, the Governor cited the importance of raising public awareness of EAB and the steps everyone can take to prevent its spread, as well as fostering a cooperative spirit between citizens, communities, government, and industry to reduce the risk the insect poses to the 700 million ash trees blanketing the state.

"As Memorial Day approaches, signaling the beginning of Michigan's treasured camping and tourism season, it is a great time to think about ways to preserve our state's fabulous natural resources for now and future generations," Granholm said.

During the week and throughout the year, Granholm is urging Michigan residents and visitors to learn about EAB, be on the look-out for and immediately report possible signs of infestation, and adhere to the state's order banning the transport of ash trees, materials and all firewood from quarantined areas.

"Since its discovery in Michigan less than two years ago, Emerald Ash Borer has caused major economic, social and environmental impacts in our Great Lakes State," Patricia Lockwood, State EAB Policy Director said. "We have taken aggressive action to stem these impacts and will work tirelessly to save our state's forestland and natural resource heritage. However, such efforts also require the assistance and cooperation of every Michigan resident."

Michigan Emerald Ash Borer Task Force members - the Michigan Departments of Agriculture (MDA) and Natural Resources (DNR), Michigan State University (MSU) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture - noted that many of the infestations discovered in "outlier" areas of the state, which have required substantial financial and human resources, have been caused by the movement of firewood.

In its larval stage, EAB feeds undetected under the bark of ash trees disrupting water and nutrient flow, ultimately killing the trees in as little as one to three years.

During the week of May 24, many outreach, education and compliance activities are planned or will be highlighted to help increase awareness and understanding of EAB. These

include:

- Firewood checkpoints at key rest stops pre-Memorial Day weekend. EAB educational materials will be distributed and firewood will be inspected, with any coming from the quarantined areas or showing signs of infestation being confiscated and properly destroyed.

- Partnership with the Michigan State Police and its annual Operation Care forces at 30 rest stops across the state. Travelers will be offered coffee in cups printed with information alerting them to EAB and the importance of not moving firewood.

- An EAB legislative open house for members of Michigan's House of Representatives and Senate on Tuesday, May 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Capitol rotunda.

- Billboards along key travel corridors leaving quarantined areas and heading north.

- Radio public service announcements airing on numerous stations across the state.

- Firewood/EAB alerts published in outdoor publications and posted in state and private parks, forest campgrounds, rest stops, welcome centers and outdoor goods retail stores.

- Direct mailings to registered recreational vehicle and camper users.

- Highway signs developed and placed in partnership with

the Michigan Department of Transportation alerting travelers leaving or entering an EAB-quarantined area.

- Beginning of Michigan's statewide trap tree survey program in each township in every Michigan county to help the state proactively detect any additional EAB infestations that may exist.

Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic insect native to Asia that attacks ash trees and was previously unknown on the North American continent until its discovery in Michigan during the summer of 2002. The borer has already devastated approximately six million ash in southeast Michigan. EAB continues to damage or destroy trees in this region as well as infest other localized areas in various counties and communities due mainly to the pre-quarantine movement of ash materials or firewood.

The state has an active, multi-agency Emerald Ash Borer task force working collectively to detect, contain and respond to EAB and minimize its damage.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mda and click on "Emerald Ash Borer" in the spotlight section, or www.emeraldashborer.info, or contact your regional MDA, DNR, or local MSU Extension office.

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GMS students build pathways at park

On two separate days recently, the Grayling Township Park was swarming with students from the Grayling Middle School Focused Instruction Team, who came to contribute their efforts to improving the park pathways system.

On Wednesday, May 12, 30 students carrying shovels and rakes and pushing wheelbarrows, walked to the park and picked up

loose brush which lined an existing trail from the playground to the river and around the new pavilion. The students were chaperoned by teachers Annie Becks, Janet McClain and Karen Leslie.

When 50 different students arrived at the park on Tuesday, May 18, they found 100-cubic-yards of oak wood chips waiting to be spread on the trails. The

chips had been purchased through a state grant to schools for community projects. Accompanying the students were teachers, Ellen Thompson, Chris Kucharek, and adult supervisors Dalene Corlew and Marlene Kucharek.

Six hours after their arrival, the students had covered almost a quarter-mile of trails leading to various places in the park with

chips. Terry Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor, who worked both days with the students, said, "This is a great project for these students. All that sweat gives them some pride in their community and ownership in the park. We are forever grateful for their contribution."

Wright and Thompson said they look forward to a similar project in the park next year.

MEAP results show district is improving

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Although they are preliminary, Curriculum Director Judy Bonne was able to give the board the results of the MEAP scores taken earlier this school year. The information will be used to help students achieve success next

year.

Grayling Elementary School met the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) goals set in both English/language arts and math. The percentage of students meeting or exceeding MEAP standards in English increased from 46% to 63%, an increase of 17%.

In math, 83% of the students met or exceeded the MEAP standards which was an increase of 28% over last year's data. However, they did not meet their own internal goal in English. Their internal goal is to match or exceed the level of students statewide (as a percentage) who meet or exceed

the MEAP goals. They missed in English by one percent.

At Grayling Middle School they met the NCLB goal in math but not in English/language arts. They also met their internal goals in math but not in English.

Results for the high school have not yet been received.

CASD faces possible funding cuts

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

With the recent news that the school aid fund has a 30-60 million dollar shortfall this year, school districts across the state are bracing for further cuts this fiscal year which ends June 30.

If the legislature does not act by the end of this week, notices will be sent out to all school districts telling them they face a \$30 per pupil cut in funding.

County makes Housing Commission appointment

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Following a second call for an appointee to fill a vacant seat on the Crawford County Housing Commission, the County Board of Commissioners interviewed three citizens for the position.

The Housing Commission is tasked with finding and securing resources to improve the existing housing stock in the county, as well as work with homeowners to improve their living conditions through low- and no-interest loans for those who qualify.

At the May 19 regular meeting of the Board, Karen Lint of South Branch Township was appointed to the seat for a five-year term ending April 15, 2009. She replaces Paul Burke of Grayling Township who did not seek re-appointment.

Also interviewed were Ralph

Krolczyk of Grayling Township and Laura Ransom of the City of Grayling. The commissioners asked both Krolczyk and Ransom if they would consider serving on another county agency board as seats open, encouraging them to do so, and both replied, "yes." Their applications will be kept on file in the County Clerk's office for future reference.

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WEEKDAY SCHEDULED SERVICES TO:

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Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

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Trip #2

Date: Thursday, June 10, 2004
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by Richard Milliman

Michigan Republicans take care of business

SOMETIMES STATE political conventions can be meaningful, exciting and produce plenty of news important to the general public.

Sometimes they don't ... which was the case when Michigan Republicans held their recent pre-presidential state convention.

They listened to tub-thumping speeches by Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, the keynoter, and Betsy DeVos, state party chair.

According to an Associated Press report, Gov. Owens said the presidential election hinges on two major issues — the war and the economy. Not much special insight there.

He also called the 2004 election the most important in 20 years. That would have been 1984, when Ronald Reagan, the last incumbent Republican president to be re-elected, won a second term. The precedent is important — to Republicans anyway.

Ms. DeVos fired up the troops with her

own brand of oratory. She claimed Democrats are "totally consumed by their hatred" of President Bush, and accused Democrats of "malicious and tasteless name-calling."

Of course, opposing partisans might contend that Ms. DeVos has followed much the same road in carrying out her role as chair of the Michigan GOP.

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CONVENTION DELEGATES also adopted several resolutions supporting already established Republican positions.

According to the AP report, a resolution calling for reelection of President Bush carried 1,299-3, with one abstention, which causes one to wonder how those four dissenters get into the convention hall.

Other resolutions supported tax cuts and U.S. military personnel in Iraq, and opposed same gender marriage and partial birth abortion — no surprises and no news there, either.

The real reason for the convention, however, was to tend to party business, and 63 delegates to the presidential nominating convention in New York in August were chosen. Most of these delegates are selected by districts, and all are expected to vote for Mr. Bush.

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THE ONLY REAL controversy — not considering the four delegates who did not support the Bush re-election resolution — was in filling one of two Michigan seats on the Republican National Committee.

These are jobs that don't mean much to the public, but are important to party insiders. The national committee — theoretically anyway — sets the political course for the national party.

Incumbent National Committeewoman Sharon Wise of Owosso wanted to go again, but delegates decided otherwise, and a floor vote elected Holly Hughes, treasurer of the Muskegon County Republican

Committee. The contest may have opened some temporary wounds among backers of the two candidates, but those will be well healed by campaign time.

That's about the only matter of consequence convention delegates were called upon to decide. All the other choices were cut and dried. Chuck Yob, also from Western Michigan, was unopposed for GOP national committeeman — a job he's held for about 15 years.

Mr. Yob frequently is a controversial figure, even within his own party, but not this time.

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A STATE PARTY convention in a non-state election year is not supposed to be either controversial or exciting.

It's time for party members to get together with colleagues from around the state, renew and build friendships, absorb a bit of partisan reinvigoration, cheer on their champions and hiss at their political enemies. It's a time for the foot soldiers of politics to gear up for the

election warfare just ahead.

As for substance, the off year convention is designed for the party to tend to its in-house chores — to take care of party business — and this role was carried out by Michigan Republicans with order and dispatch.

As a political reporter, I used to enjoy covering these conventions, not because of the news they produced, but because of the interesting people you can get to know who might be important for future news stories.

Usually nothing that happens at these conventions is of any significance to anyone other than stalwart party insiders — and perhaps news reporters with long memories.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR**Practical steps need at COA to resolve differences**

To the editor,

As a member of the senior generation, and as one who lives here and attends many meals and activities at the Senior Center, including Commission on Aging (COA) meetings, I am absolutely astounded that the board has suspended our activity director for three days.

Now we have missed activities that we enjoy and miss out on because of someone bringing what I believe are false accusations against her.

If the people on the Board would take the time to come to the Center and see what a good time is had by all, they would know that what was said was ridiculous. Just because a few seniors and one Board member do not like her and would like their old job back, they are spoiling things for everyone.

I am happy and well-satisfied with the way things are at the Center.

Our activity director stood up for the seniors when these

other few were bad-mouthing us and because of this she is chastised. Something is wrong with this picture.

We need to stand up for our rights. When people harbor malice toward other, it robs everyone of close relationships with others. Grudges can also create a cold, icy environment and this will often keep people away and I for one do not want this to happen here.

We must take practical steps to resolve our differences. A grudge is one thing that does not get better when it is nursed.

I invite anyone else who enjoys coming to the Center for meals or for activities to write their comments. Please let our community know how you feel. Don't sit back and let others rob you of your life's pleasures.

When anger lingers in our hearts, it poisons all we think and do.

Ruth Turner
Grayling

There are still good people out there

To the editor,

While shopping in Grayling, I accidentally left my wallet on the top of my vehicle. When leaving the parking lot, it flew off the top and spread the contents on the expressway in all directions. Not knowing this had happened, I drove home to Higgins Lake.

When I reached my house I had a message on my voice mail from the people I refer to as my "heroes" who had seen the flying

items. I returned their call and they had my wallet and asked what could be missing, I told them and they proceeded to walk the ditches and the expressway and found most of the items.

This proved to me that not all people are bitter and still believe in honesty.

Kay Bailey
Higgins Lake

Choir director gives kids a chance to shine

To the editor,

I would just like to congratulate the Grayling High School Women's Choir, Chamber Choir and the Concert Choir for the wonderful concert they held in the new Grayling High School auditorium on May 12.

Anyone who was lucky enough to catch this performance knows what a fantastic job Karen Ross, Deb Hadley, and all those great kids provided. For those of you who missed it, try to catch it next year.

At the beginning of the program, they realized they could not play the recorded practice music. But they didn't let that bother them, they sang without

the music and it was just like angels singing. When they really needed the music, Deb Hadley filled in by playing the song she had never practiced before and did a great job.

These kids have worked so hard and did such a great job. I only wish more people could have enjoyed their performance. Karen Ross takes a lot of kids who aren't really involved in other activities and gives them something to be proud of, something they will always remember — a chance to shine!

Shirley Curriston
Grayling

Despite hecklers, distractions, choir director did a fine job

To the editor,

Bernie and I attended the Grayling Middle School (GMS) sixth, seventh and eighth grade Spring Choir Concert on May 17. It was held in the newly renovated Joseph Stripe Auditorium, a very professional setting.

Choir Director, Mrs. Karen Ross, has developed a continually improving group of young performers. The children were well-behaved and followed her direction well. In spite of the dis-

tractions from a few hecklers in the audience that behaved badly.

Nervous youngsters do not find it a calming effect by having their names called out in a ball game-like attitude. It was distracting to the students and disruptive to the rest of the audience.

I am proud of all that Mrs. Ross has accomplished with these students.

Patricia Fowler
Grayling

Follow the Lewis and Clark canoe journey on line

To the editor,

About a month ago, you had in the Avalanche an article about how Harry and Betty Miller's son was going to follow Lewis and Clark's journey from Illinois to the Pacific Ocean in a kayak down the Missouri River and other tributaries to get him there. He will be going over dams and anything else that is in the way.

He is making the journey for the 200-year anniversary celebration that is coming up of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

On an Internet site, he is telling you about the people he meets along the way and animals he sees, and how rough Mother Nature can make a trip like this.

He will also tell you how man has polluted the rivers and of other things that used to be.

It would only take you about one hour or so to catch up with him by reading his field notes at: www.lewisandclark-

2004.com.

Harry and Betty Miller were Grayling people. Betty worked at Bear Archery for many years and Harry worked at the A&P store forever, it seemed. Their son, who is making this awesome trip, now makes his home in Minnesota.

Reading some of his notes, you kind of wish you were there, or you're glad you're not. Reading about how man has polluted the rivers, I think when anybody goes canoeing or kayaking you should make it a point to pick up somebody else's junk they left behind and make it nicer for the people who will come behind you.

He started this trip in March and is supposed to be to the Pacific Ocean sometime in September. I hope you will take time to follow his trip.

Lloyd Crawford
Grayling

Deadline Sets Deadline**Deadlines For Memorial Day**

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day, and will reopen at 9 am Tuesday, June 1.

The deadline for display ads for the June 3 issue is Thursday, May 27, 5 pm. Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by noon Friday, May 28. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday, June 1 noon.

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BRIEFS

Library volunteers to be recognized

A gathering to thank the library volunteers will be held at Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Thursday, June 3 at 2:30 p.m. All current and past volunteers are invited to join the gathering, and anyone who would like to volunteer for the library system or is considering it, is encouraged to attend. Information about volunteering will be available. The library welcomes and needs volunteers to share their talents and time. For more information, call the library at 348-9214.

Secretary of State closed for holiday

All offices of the Secretary of State will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday, Monday, May 31. Motorists whose driver's license or license plates expire over the holiday should renew early. A trip to the Secretary of State branch office can be avoided by renewing via the Internet, by mail or fax, and, if eligible, by touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven days.

GHS Players to present musical

The Grayling High School Players will present the 1930's Broadway musical, "Crazy for You," with music by George and Ira Gershwin, nightly on Thursday, May 27 through Saturday, May 29, 7 p.m. at the newly remodeled Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens, and are available in advance at Davis Jewelers on Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Fly Tying Festival to be presented

The Lovells Township Historical Society will present a trout fly tying festival on Sunday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road in Lovells. Michigan master fly tier Jerry Regan will give a slide presentation on historic AuSable fly tiers, their fly patterns and the AuSable river boat at 10 a.m. followed by a tying demonstration of the traditional patterns at 11 a.m. From 1 to 3 p.m. children will be able to tie a fly under the guidance of local tier Chris Klein. Visitors will be able to view the William B. Mershon exhibit in the Society's new log museum; visit the guide camp for coffee and doughnuts; and test their casting skills on vintage bamboo fly rods. All events are free and open to the public. For more information contact Glen Eberly at (989) 348-3084.

Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run set for June 5

Grayling Recreation Authority will host its annual five-mile "foot race" - the Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run - on Saturday, June 5, at 10 a.m. at Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

Event organizers provided the following description of the race: "This challenging five-mile course begins and ends in front of Hanson Hills Little Smokey Cross Country Lodge and follows the trail marked yellow. Your run is

over hilly and some sandy terrain that cuts through Hanson's beautifully wooded forest."

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age group. There will also be a prize for the first male and first female finishers.

Early registration (by May 31) is \$15. On the day of the race, registration is \$20. Check-in will be 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on race day.

For more information, visit www.hansonhills.org.

Redskins sign-up session June 3

The Grayling Redskins Youth Football League, which is open to young people in grades 3-8, will conduct an early sign-up session for players and cheerleaders at 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, at Redskin Field (located at the Crawford County Fairgrounds).

Although there will be other sign-up opportunities later, parents are encouraged to sign up early in order to ensure their

child has a spot in this year's program, league officials said.

To qualify for the teams, players and cheerleaders must be in the following grades next school year: Junior Redskins, 3rd and 4th grades; Freshman teams, 5th and 6th grades; Junior Varsity, 7th grade; Varsity, 8th grade.

For more information, contact Judy Morgan or Bud Morgan at 348-2548.

Cancer survivors invited to take Victory Lap

Have you heard the words, "You have cancer, and we want to honor you!" You are a survivor from the minute of your diagnosis until forever, and we want to honor you, said Marilyn Heard, Chairperson of the Relay for Life in Crawford County.

Survivors are invited to celebrate your life and the lives of each person who has been by cancer.

The American Cancer Society's Crawford County Relay for Life committee invites survivors to join them on June 26 at the Grayling High School track in Grayling for a dinner provided by Pizza Hut and to participate in a Victory Lap.

Registration starts at 5 p.m., followed by a Pep Rally, Victory Lap and dinner at 6 p.m. Call 1-800-723-0370 to reserve a space and order a survivor t-shirt. Each survivor is invited to bring one guest to the dinner.

Any questions may be directed to Marilyn Heard, Chairperson, at 348-2801.

Sheriff's Office offers boating school

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a complimentary Boating Safety School on Saturday, June 5 at the Sheriff's Office, 200 West Michigan Avenue, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 1:30 p.m. Participants should be at least 12 years of age. A lunch break will be held and Kirk Wakefield suggests that all participants bring a bag lunch and drink. We are limiting the class to the first forty (40) participants and must register by calling the Sheriff's Office at (989) 344-3213.

Evangelist to minister at Tabernacle

The Burning Bush Tabernacle will be hosting the ministry of Evangelist Gil Howard-Browne, Sunday, May 30 at 11 a.m. and at 6 p.m. Services will continue through Wednesday, June 2 at 7 p.m. each evening. Reverend Howard-Browne is with Times of Refreshing Ministries and has ministered internationally. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Pastor Petrie at 348-1278 or 348-8314.

Historical Society to hold meeting

The Board of Directors of the Crawford County Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, June 1, 2004 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street. All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.

Saddle Club accepting members

The Saddle Club Riders are now accepting new members for the upcoming year. Meetings are held from 6 to 7 p.m. in the County Building on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Speed shows (riding horses) start in May. For more information call Linette, the 4-H Leader at (989) 348-6109.

Church plans all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Take-outs available. Cost is \$5 per person.

Sign up for Help Center's Summer Lunch Bags

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center will be providing Summer Lunch Bags to families who have children who receive reduced or free lunches during the school year.

Recipients do not have to be a client of the Family Independence Agency or have a referral to qualify for this program.

"Working families with one or two incomes in the household can really tell the difference in the food budget during summer vacation," said Help Center Director Gerry Schroeder.

Those interested in receiving Summer Lunch Bags should go to the Help Center during its regular hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning June 14. If these hours are impossible, just call the Help Center at 348-6046, leave a message, your call will be returned.

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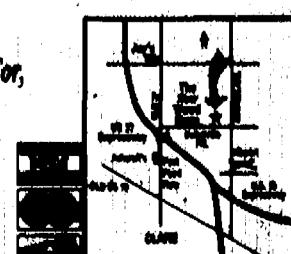
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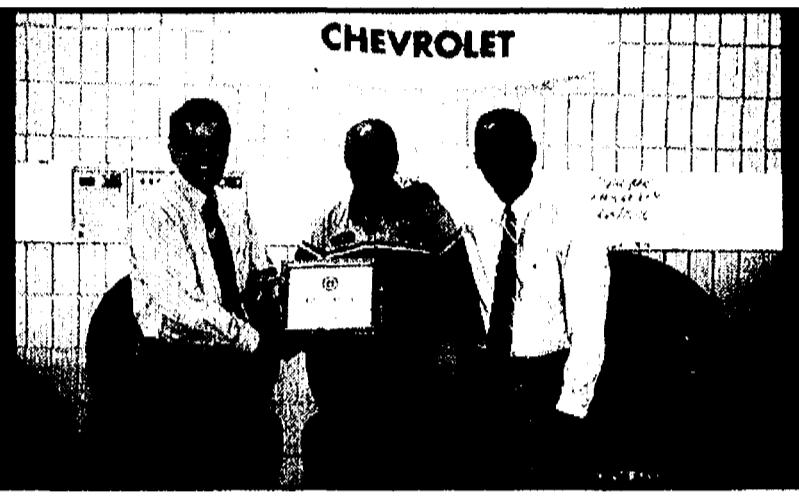
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The Bible Speaks

Memorial Day

As American heroes fight and die to defeat terrorist tyranny and bring freedom to enslaved people in the Middle East, the words of President Ronald Reagan's speech at Pointe du Hoc, Normandy on the 40th anniversary of D-Day seem appropriate to repeat.

"We're here to mark that day in history when the Allied peoples joined in battle to reclaim this continent to liberty. For four long years, much of Europe had been under a terrible shadow. Free nations had fallen, Jews cried out in the camps, millions cried out for liberation. Europe was enslaved, and the world prayed for its rescue. Here in Normandy the rescue began. Here the Allies stood and fought against tyranny in a giant undertaking unparalleled in human history."

"We stand on a lonely, windswept point on the northern shore of France. The air is soft, but forty years ago at this moment, the air was dense with smoke and the cries of men, and the air was filled with the crack of rifle fire and the roar of cannon. At dawn, on the morning of the 6th of June 1944, 225 Rangers jumped off the British landing craft and ran to the bottom of these cliffs. Their mission was one of the most difficult and daring of the invasion: to climb these sheer and desolate cliffs and take out the enemy guns. The Allies had been told that some of the mightiest of these guns were here and they would be trained on the beaches to stop the Allied advance."

"The Rangers looked up and saw the enemy soldiers -- at the edge of the cliffs shooting down at them

with machine-guns and throwing grenades. And the American Rangers began to climb. They shot rope ladders over the face of these cliffs and began to pull themselves up. When one Ranger fell, another would take his place. When one rope was cut, a Ranger would grab another and begin his climb again. They climbed, shot back, and held their footing. Soon, one by one, the Rangers pulled themselves over the top, and in seizing the firm land at the top of these cliffs, they began to seize back the continent of Europe. Two hundred and twenty-five came here. After two days of fighting only ninety could still bear arms.

"Behind me is a memorial that symbolizes the Ranger daggers that were thrust into the top of these cliffs. And before me are the men who put them there."

"These are the boys of Pointe du Hoc. These are the men who took the cliffs. These are the champions who helped free a continent. These are the heroes who helped end a war."

"Gentlemen, I look at you and I think of the words of Stephen Spender's poem. You are men who in your lives fought for life...and left the vivid air signed with your honor..."

"Forty summers have passed since the battle that you fought here. You were young the day you took these cliffs; some of you were hardly more than boys, with the deepest joys of life before you. Yet you risked everything here. Why? Why did you do it? What impelled you to put aside the instinct for self-preservation and risk your lives to take these cliffs? What inspired all the men of the armies that met here?

We look at you, and somehow we know the answer. It was faith, and belief; it was loyalty and love. "The men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or on the next. It was the deep knowledge -- and pray God we have not lost it -- that there is a profound moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest. You were here to liberate, not to conquer, and so you and those others did not doubt your cause. And you were right not to doubt.

"You all knew that some things are worth dying for. One's country is worth dying for, and democracy is worth dying for, because it's the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man. All of you loved liberty. All of you were willing to fight tyranny, and you knew the people of your countries were behind you." Our God teaches our hands to war. (Psa 18:34) Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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OBITUARIES

Richard Keith Nelson

May 18, 2004

Richard Keith Nelson died on May 18, 2004, at the University of Michigan Hospital - Ann Arbor, at the age of 76.

Mr. Nelson graduated from Grayling High School in 1946. He and his lifelong friend, Dwight Reava, immediately enlisted in the Army Air Force where he taught airplane mechanics before joining the Air Force Cadets until his separation from the Cadets in 1949.

He enrolled at Central Michigan University in 1950, graduating in 1953. He received his M.S.W. from Michigan State University. He began his career with the Department of Social Services in 1953. He joined the Department of Corrections as a counselor at Jackson Prison until 1956, when he became a probation and parole officer in Bay City until 1957.

He transferred to Tawas City until promoted as Senior Agent in Grand Rapids in 1963. He became Director of the Office of Criminal Justice Programs in Lansing, after which he became Deputy Director of Probation and Parole for the State of Michigan until his retirement on July 1, 1984.

At that time he moved to Grayling and finished building his retirement home with the help of his son. His last years were spent building, traveling, fishing and enjoying his beautiful Lake Margrethe.

Richard was preceded in death by his father and mother, Earl and Alice Nelson, and his brother, Robert.

He leaves his wife of 52 years, Barbara; his daughter Jan of Chelsea; his son Jon and wife Angela of North Muskegon; and his granddaughters Erin and Brittany.

He also leaves his brother Roger and sister-in-law Sharon of Mason, his brothers-in-law Roger Mast and Don Anderson; his sisters-in-law Marge Anderson and Victoria Nelson; several nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, cousins, many wonderful friends and neighbors, and his beloved Coco.

If you are considering a charitable contribution, please consider the American Stroke Association. Jan and Erin Nelson have been participating in an Ann Arbor group dedicated to walking to raise funds for the research and prevention of strokes. Please make checks payable to the American Stroke Association and send to Jan/Erin Nelson at 115 VanBuren Street, Chelsea, MI 48118 in order for the contribution to be designated in Richard's memory.

Cremation arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home. A private gathering will take place later.

Henry W. Kobel

Oct. 10, 1943 - May 15, 2004

Henry W. Kobel, 59, of South Branch Township, died on Saturday, May 15, 2004.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 21, 2004 at Walsh Funeral Home in Roscommon.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

In memory of

Linda S. Dannenberg

Feb. 22, 1957 - May 28, 2002

Another hour of darkness has come to pass. Yet it still feels like yesterday you were here. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you. My thoughts and memories, I will cherish forever.

You were the love of my life, my best friend, and my wife. Now you are an angel, I still love you and always will.

Sadly missed.

Always and forever,

Jim

In memory of

Betty J. Francis

Nov. 7, 1938 - May 31, 2003

God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around her and whispered, "Come with me." A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

We love you and miss you so very much.

Tim, Joe and Jody,

Kevin, Julie and Chad, and grandchildren: Shane, Shantel, Kelsey, Maggie, Brandon and Rachael

In memory of

Linda Dannenberg

May 28, 2002

Two years have passed since God called you home. I still miss you and our times we shared together (especially bowling).

Best friend,

Maribeth

In memory of

A few months have passed, you haven't been by,

I hear you laugh, when I begin to cry,

You're so very missed and can't blame us there,

His boys ask, "Heaven's where?"

You see; she says, "Mom I miss him so," I suggest

Say a prayer; let him know.

Adjusting to "all" and getting thru the day -

You're always remembered 'Boo John'

That is what I've meant to say...

Kimberly Rene
Tony, Selena, Nate and T.J.

In memory of

Shane M. Piehl

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

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The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Thursday, May 27 - Pork roast/Roasted turkey; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Craft Class 10 a.m.; B.P.'s taken 11 a.m. - noon; Uno 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 28 - Baked fish almandine/no dinner; Stagette club 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 30 - Potluck Sunday.

Monday, May 31 - Center Closed - Memorial Day.

Tuesday, June 1 - Chicken patty on a bun/Swedish meatballs; Euchre at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 2 - Beef stew/Meatloaf and gravy; Hearing Clinic 10 a.m.; Stag Club 12 noon; Burger King Bingo 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays - salad bar; Mondays and Wednesdays - soup bar.

All Crawford County senior citizens and their families are welcome and encouraged to visit the Senior Center in Grayling.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period May 27 - June 1, 2004.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located North of County Road 612, East of Guthrie Lake, South of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road), May 28-30, June 1.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling office of the Department of Natural Resources for the area closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

HONORS

Missouri Valley College

Missouri Valley College announced that Marianne Vollmer of Grayling qualified for inclusion on the Missouri Valley College Dean's List for Spring 2004.

The Dean's List is composed of fall full time students with a semester grade point average of 3.3 or higher for no fewer than 12 graded hours and no "D", "F" or Incomplete grades.

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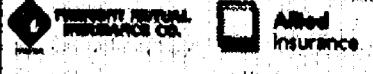
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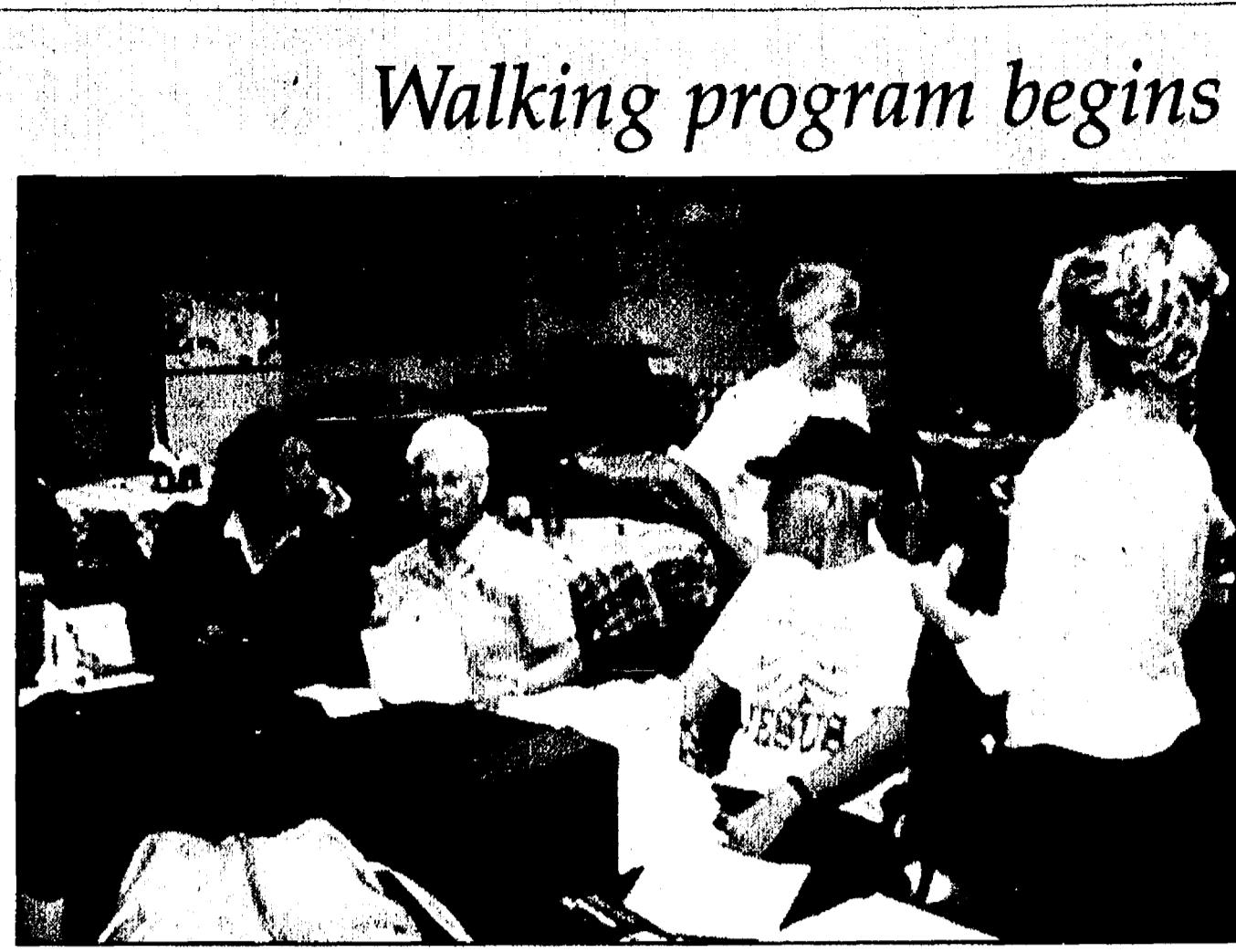
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Sat - Sun @ 1:50 & 4:10 p.m.

Raising Helen - PG-13 (119)
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Nightly @ 7:00 & 9:15 p.m.
Sat - Sun @ 2:00 & 4:15 p.m.

Mean Girls - PG-13 (119)
Starring - Lindsay Lohan & Lacey Chabert
Nightly @ 7:05 & 9:15 p.m.
Fri & Sat @ 2:05 & 4:10 p.m.

Shrek 2 - PG (99)
Voices - Mike Myers & Cameron Diaz
Nightly @ 7:10 & 9:10 p.m.
Sat & Sun @ 2:10 & 4:10 p.m.

Evenings - Adults \$7.00 - Children \$5.50 - Seniors \$5.75
Tuesday Senior Matinee at 7:00pm All Seats \$5.00
Matinee - All Seats \$5.00



Seniors started showing up at 8:30 a.m. to register for the Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan program which began May 26. Participants are encouraged to walk 100 miles in 100 days. For more information or to register call Mercy Hospital's Education Department at 989-348-0489.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the period of May 16 - 23:

Six assist other departments, three traffic warnings, five misdemeanor arrests, one check law violation, two alarm responses, one MDOP, two personal property accidents, two traffic accidents, and the following complaints: six disturbing the peace, one domestic assault, one civil, five juvenile, one larceny, one OUIL, one animal control, five suspicious behavior, and 10 unclassified.

Summer reading program kicks off soon

The theme of this year's summer reading program is designed to appeal to children of all ages with the theme, Discover New Trails at your library.

The program will begin with a party at Wellington Farm Park on June 10 from 5p.m. to 8 p.m. The family oriented evening

will allow youngsters to hear tales of the Wild, Wild West, sign from a real chuck wagon, learn to throw a rope like a real cowboy, be provided with a cowboy hat and bandanna and possibly even be sworn in as a Sheriff.

Programs will be held on Thursdays at 1 p.m. from June 17 through July 22 at the Crawford AuSable Primary Building. The entertainers dur-

ing the summer will be:

June 17 - Gordon the Magician

June 24 - Acting Up Theatre Company

July 1 - Tom Hodgson Science and Song

July 8 - Ron Fowler, Storyteller Extraordinaire

July 15 - Howell Nature Center with live animals

July 22 - Opus Mime with pantomime and comedy.

The program will end on July 29 at a finale party and prize giveaway at Wellington Farm Park from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In addition to all of the above activities there is an additional program, "Giving the Gift of Reading," which is designed to get families reading during the summer.

For every five books a child reads they will earn a free book to add to their reading shelf at home.

For every ten books, they will be given a certificate to use at Taco Bell.

When they have completed 15 books they will receive a certificate towards a personal pan pizza at the Bear's Den Pizzeria.

When a family completes the challenge of reading 25 books this summer they will receive a family activities book to share at home.

Golf outing to benefit Hospice patients

Team registration and sponsorship opportunities are open for the 7th annual Dick Dworzynski Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 19 at Burning Oaks Country Club, 4345 Redwood Drive in Higgins Lake.

Dick Dworzynski, of Roscommon, died in January 1996 at age 52 of lung and brain cancer. Hospice of Michigan helped him enjoy his remaining days at home with his wife and

three children.

Hospice of Michigan provides comprehensive, compassionate care to people who are terminally ill as well as support for their families. Last year, HOM served 33 patients in Crawford and Roscommon counties as well as grief support and spiritual care to families, friends and the community at large. For more information, visit www.hom.org.

After Dworzynski's death, a

group of friends decided to launch a golf tournament in his memory, to benefit other hospice patients.

In the past six years, this tournament has raised more than \$71,000 for Hospice of Michigan patients and families in Roscommon and Crawford counties. The funds are used to support Hospice of Michigan's commitment to "open access" care for all who need it, regardless of age, diagnosis or ability to pay.

The four-person, 18-hole scramble costs \$50 per person, including golf, cart and lunch. Registration begins at 8 a.m., fol-

lowed by a shot gun start at 9 a.m. Registrations are on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be accepted until June 2. The tournament features prizes for lowest scores in men's, women's, and mixed divisions, longest drive, longest putt, a hole in one contest and many door prizes.

Sponsorships are available at three levels: Platinum (\$500), Gold (\$100) and Silver (\$50). Personal donations of any amount are appreciated. For more information or to register, please call Robin Willis at (989) 211-8821 or Julie Peters at (989) 275-4992.

Relay for Life revving up

Here is your chance to support the Relay for Life of Crawford County.

Several of the team members are selling 50-50 tickets which will bring one lucky winner a huge jackpot of money. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. This is an opportunity to win some cash and help out a worthy organization.

Glen's Market will be having a Hot Dog sale on Memorial Day weekend, May 29 and 30. All

proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community will also be having a yard sale on Friday, May 28. Donations of items to be sold are being accepted, all proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

The Relay will be held on June 26 and 27 at the Grayling High School Track beginning at 10 a.m. Join in the fun and support your community.

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GE students explore careers



Mechanical engineer Tim Markel shows a group of GE students how a CD changer works during the first annual Career Fair at Grayling Elementary.

Approximately 75 volunteers attended the Grayling Elementary (GE) School's Career Fair held May 13-14. Careers as diverse as chef, pilot, forensics expert, cosmetologist

and radiologist.

Starting off with a student interest inventory, the teachers at GE identified matching careers for students which fit into six different career pathways. During a

school-wide assembly the students were given their first look at the various careers. Then students had an opportunity to learn first hand about two of their career choices at the fair.

The students discovered what skills are necessary for their two choices, what they would be expected to do in those careers and what other options are available with those skills.

MDOT begins work zone safety campaign

A memorial to those who lost their lives in roadway work zones was the centerpiece of the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) annual Give 'em a Brake kickoff for work-zone safety at the state Capitol on May 6. It is a traveling exhibit called "Respect and Remembrance: Reflections of Life on the Road," sponsored by the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA).

The memorial includes the names of deceased workers, law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel, motorists and their passengers. The names of 26 deceased Michigan road workers and one motorist are included on the seven-foot-high memorial wall.

"Work zones can be dangerous for workers and motorists alike," said State Transportation Director Gloria J. Jeff. "Last year, there were 5,800 crashes in Michigan work zones - an astounding number. It's early in the season, and already this year we have had several serious crashes including two fatalities, and injuries to several MDOT maintenance workers. We don't want this to be an indication of what this year's construction season is going to be like."

Jeff joined labor and engineering unions, law enforcement officials and the construction industry at the state Capitol news conference to heighten awareness for maintaining safe driving conditions throughout Michigan.

MDOT's Give 'em a Brake safety awareness coalition urges motorists to slow down in work zones or face tough penalties. In Michigan, those penalties may

include: double fines, Andy's Law penalties (which include fines and prison time for anyone convicted of criminal or civil infractions in a work zone), and increased points on a driver's record (one point more than for speeding outside a work zone).

MDOT will spend \$517,000 in work-zone enforcement this year, bringing together the Michigan State Police, county sheriffs and local police to help track down offenders in work zones.

"The Michigan State Police is pleased to announce that we are again partnering with MDOT to provide dedicated traffic enforcement in an effort to make work zones safer for those working in and traveling through them," stated Col. Tadarial J. Sturdivant, director of the Michigan State Police. "Let this be fair warning: If you drive carelessly through a work zone, you may find a law enforcement officer waiting for you - with a ticket."

"The initiative to improve work-zone traffic safety is supported by a partnership of MDOT, state police, labor construction associations, and the public," said Bob Patzer, executive director of AUC - Michigan's Heavy Construction Association. "Out of these groups, the motoring public stands out as having the highest degree of control. We sincerely hope that the message gets out: Slow down while traveling through work zones."

The Give 'em a Brake coalition will spend about \$170,000 on a public awareness campaign which includes statewide billboards, radio and television

spots. An animated character named "Bobby the Barrel" warns people that speeding through work zones is dangerous and illegal. "Speeders put themselves, their passengers and workers at risk," reminds Bobby in the public service announcement. Bumper stickers urge people to "Give 'em a Brake."

Highway work zones are considered the most hazardous place for workers in the United States -- roadway construction workers are killed at a rate nearly three times higher than other construction workers and eight times higher than general industry workers, according to an American Road and Transportation Builders Association review of Bureau of Labor Statistics. The fatality rate for roadway construction workers is 32 people for every 100,000 workers.

Gary Jorgenson, business manager of the Michigan Laborers' District Council, and a member of the Give 'em a Brake coalition, urges, "Motorists compliance with Michigan work-zone safety regulations is mandatory to protect everyone."

The Federal Highway Administration asks motorists to observe the orange signs that indicate work zones along the roads. The highway agency also offers the following "Safety Tips to Live by":

- Stay alert and give full attention to the roadway.
- Pay close attention to signs and work-zone flaggers.
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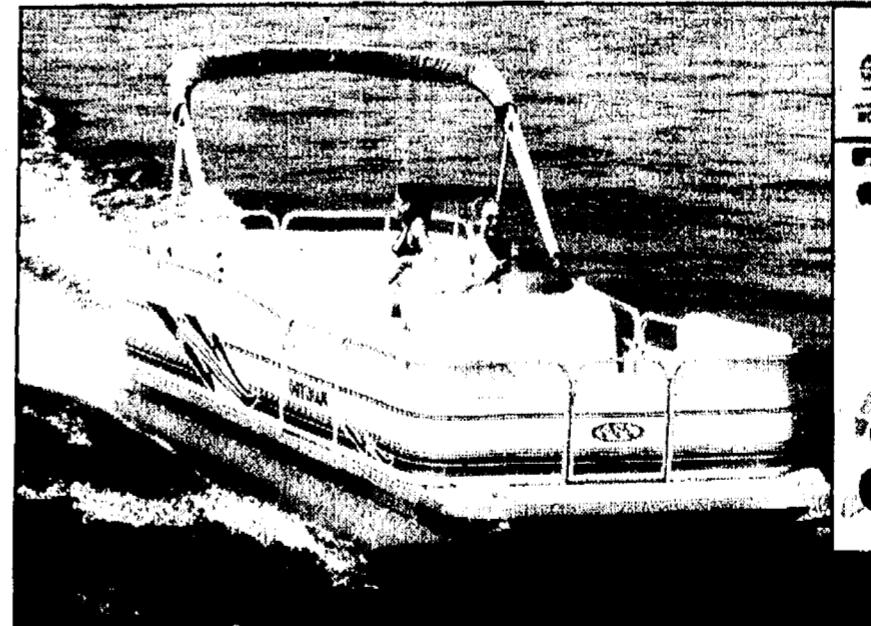
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Physical Therapist cares for wide variety of patients

After graduating from Grand Valley State University in 2001, Physical Therapist Jim Kik worked at several hospitals and long-term care facilities across Michigan as a "traveler."

But when he joined Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2002, he felt comfortable, like he was coming home.

"I like the northern Michigan lifestyle. I like snowmobiling, ice fishing, open water fishing," said, who was raised in Beulah. "And I like the patients I work with."

Those patients come to Kik with a wide variety of conditions. They may be recovering from a stroke, or healing from a sports injury.

At Mercy Hospital Grayling's Rehabilitation Unit the three-person team cares for just about every type of patient, said Kik, who specializes in outpatient cases.

Physical Therapists provide services that help restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities of patients suffering from injuries or disease.

"Being rural, we work with just about every type of patient,"



Photo courtesy of Mercy Hospital Grayling

Physical Therapist Jim Kik works with patient Steve Gaspar at Mercy Hospital Grayling's Rehabilitation Unit.

he explains. "Mostly it's orthopedic patients, but we also treat stroke patients, wound care, sports injuries, and other types of injuries."

Treatment often includes exercise for patients who have been immobilized and may lack flexibility. Exercises may also help a patient develop strength or

endurance. In addition to exercise, Physical Therapists may use electrical stimulation, hot packs or cold compresses, and ultrasound to relieve pain and reduce swelling. They may use deep-tissue massage to help relieve pain. Therapists also teach their patients to use crutches, prostheses, and wheelchairs.

"Our goal is to have every patient we see to get back to where they were before their injury or illness," said Kik. "That's how we measure our success."

For more information on the Mercy Hospital Grayling Rehabilitation Department, please call (989) 348-0314.

Inadequate Medicaid reimbursement a topic of discussion

Representatives of Mercy Hospital Grayling Administration, Auxiliary, Board Members, and Trinity Health discussed health care issues with 36th District State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) during a recent visit to the hospital by the senator.

Sen. Stamas is the Chair of the six-member Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health, the committee responsible for funding Medicaid, which provides health care coverage for many low-income residents. His Senate District includes the counties of Crawford, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw, Gladwin,

Oscoda and Midland.

Hospital CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak raised a number of issues with Sen. Stamas, including Mercy Hospital Grayling's concerns about inadequate Medicaid reimbursement for obstetrics services. So far in fiscal year 2004, 55 percent of the births at Mercy Hospital Grayling have been to Medicaid recipients. That's up from 50 percent in fiscal year 2001. Because Medicaid pays the hospital less than it costs to provide care, the hospital anticipates a Medicaid loss of \$1 million in FY04.

Sen. Stamas indicated that he wants to look

at the Medicaid managed care system and noted that he put language in an appropriations bill that requires a study of reimbursement to health care facilities for obstetrics services. That language, if approved by the House and signed by Governor Granholm, would enable the Legislature to make reasonable Medicaid spending decisions.

"Mercy Hospital Grayling welcomes Sen. Stamas' desire to review the administrative and organizational issues of the Medicaid system, since about 15 percent of the hospital's patients are Medicaid eligible," said Riemer-Matuzak.

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KCC newspaper wins 11 awards; named among top five in Michigan

Kirtland Community College's campus newspaper, *The Paper*, won 11 writing, editing and design awards and was recognized as one of the top five community college papers in the state at the recent Michigan Community College Press Association annual meetings.

The Paper won first-place honors in feature writing and front-page design. The contest was judged by news professionals and academics from around the state. The awards were presented in ceremonies April 17 at Central Michigan University.

"We've come a long way in a short time," said Keith Gave, faculty adviser to *The Paper*. "I am immensely proud of the

efforts by a small but committed group of students."

The Paper is edited by Jerry Nunn, of Lupton, who said he was especially pleased by the broad range of awards *The Paper* received.

"Winning these awards is a bonus reward from professionals in the journalism field," Nunn said. "It is solid proof of the excellent job and hard work we have put into *The Paper*. It is extra special because it comes on top of what our readers, on campus and off, have been telling us all year — that we are putting out a great paper."

The Paper's winners:

- Jackie Hanifin, 78, West Branch, first place for feature writing for her story about Sandra Miles, the nursing stu-

dent battling cancer;

- The Paper Staff (notably Kay Reeser, of St. Helen) for front page design;

- Janine Boulay, of Comins, second place for commentary for her column about the treatment of smokers on campus;

- Bob Hess, of Roscommon, second place in the analysis category for his column on why the Kirtland's Warbler should be considered the state bird;

- Dawn Aldrich, of Gaylord, third place for feature writing about a young mother, a Kirtland student aiming for All-American academic status;

- Amy Mahaffy, of West Branch, and Jil Schult, Lewiston, third place for commentary for their point-counterpoint column on whether the

discipline of women athletes was too severe;

- Sandra Miles, of Fairview, third place for column writing about her experience and feelings during a balloon release for victims of abuse;

- Jerry Nunn, of Lupton, and Reeser, honorable mention for headline writing;

- Reeser and Sheryl Bidwell, of Grayling, honorable mention for best overall design;

- Jackie Hanifin, of West Branch, honorable mention for personality profile for her story about Kirtland President Dr. Charles Rorie;

- Schult, honorable mention for feature writing for her story on the lowering of the legal alcohol limit to .08.

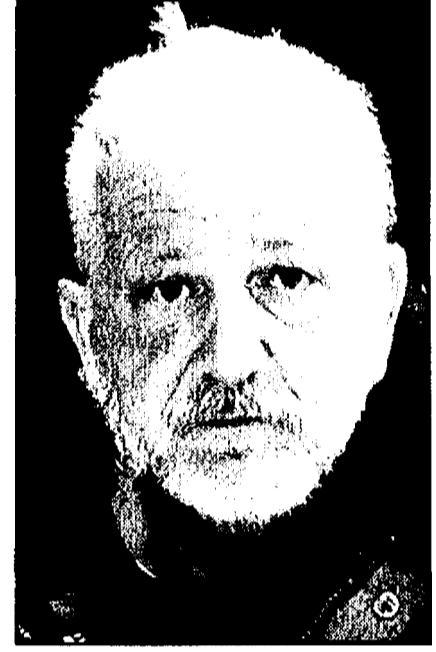
Kirtland's Jones wins magnificent tutor award

Kirtland's Will Jones has been awarded the Magnificent Tutor Award from the Michigan Tutorial Association.

"This is an award given only occasionally to a tutor who has contributed much to tutoring and to mentoring other tutors," said Carol Silverman, Kirtland's coordinator of tutorial services, who nominated Jones for the award. "It is sort of like the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Academy Awards."

Jones, 57, of Roscommon, is Kirtland's lead math tutor. He has worked at Kirtland for nearly seven years and became the professional math tutor in 1999. He works 20 hours a week, specializing in tutoring those with math disabilities and mentoring new math tutors.

"He's such an exceptional



Will Jones

tutor and mentor to other tutors," said Silverman. "He's deserved this award for a long time."

Students agree.

"Will Jones became more

valuable to me in my last four semesters of college math than my TI83 calculator," said student, William Sanderson.

Prior to tutoring at Kirtland, Jones tutored children and adults at his bookstore in Roscommon, The Bookworm. He has gone out of his way to help students with learning disabilities overcome their math anxiety, Silverman said. He stays with them until they get it, and once went to a student's house when a student was going to have to miss a week due to car problems.

That student had difficulty passing the required math course to complete the criminal justice program. Thanks to Jones, he is now a deputy at a local police department.

Now Jones' own will is being tested.

For the first time in nearly seven years, Jones missed a couple days of work this past February because of reoccurring headaches. Two weeks later, he had to undergo surgery to remove a tumor from his brain. Although he has to travel to Traverse City each morning for radiation treatment, Jones continues to tutor students two afternoons a week.

Meantime, Jones is flattered by all the attention.

"I think I've already died and gone to heaven, so many people are saying such nice things," he said.

Jones will be awarded the magnificent tutor award from the MTA on campus early this summer and will receive recognition in October at the MTA's annual conference.

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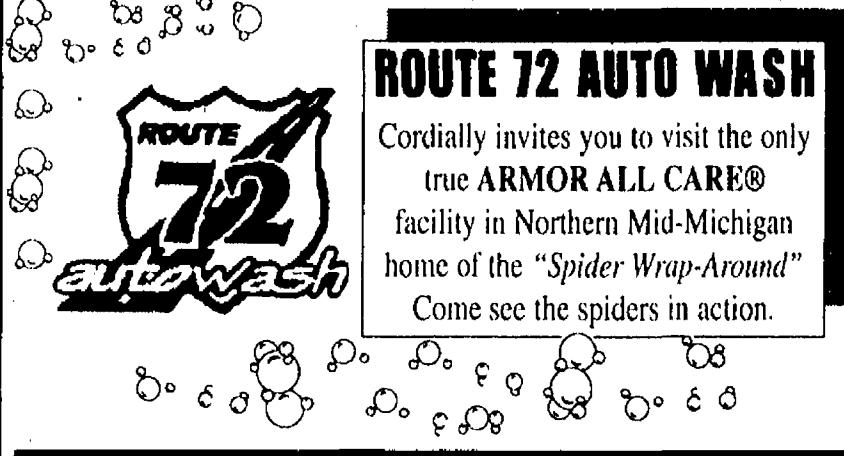
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## Mercy Hospital Grayling honors its Volunteers

Crawford County residents who willingly share their time and talents to make a difference in the community were honored recently as part of National Volunteer Week.

Mercy Hospital Grayling honored its 97 active volunteers during a celebration tea at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Friday, April 23. Several volunteers were recognized for their years of service with patches. Volunteers with 10, 15, 20 or more years of service were presented the patches, which are then proudly worn by the volunteers on their red

jacket or vest.

The Mercy Amicare/Hospice volunteers were also recognized during the celebration. "We salute all of these volunteers whose selfless efforts help to create a culture of caring," said hospital CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak. "These unsung heroes make a great difference in our community."

Volunteering is becoming more popular, not only at Mercy Hospital Grayling, but across the nation. As of December 2003, about 63.8 million people perform some type of volunteer

work. That's up from 59.8 million for the same period in the previous year. Here are some more facts about America's volunteers:

- About 25.1 percent of men and 32.2 percent of women do volunteer work.

- By age, 35-to-44 year olds were most likely to volunteer at a rate of 34.7 percent.

- Teens have a relatively high volunteer rate of 29.5 percent.

- At 19.7 percent, volunteer rates were lowest among those in their early 20s and among persons over 65 years of age at 23.7

percent.

- Volunteers spent an average of 52 hours a year on volunteer activities.

- Commonly reported volunteer activities were fundraising, coaching, tutoring or teaching, and preparing or serving food.

To learn more about volunteering at Mercy Hospital Grayling, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jodi Shultz at (989) 348-0527. For information about volunteering at Mercy Americare Homecare and Hospice, call Volunteer Coordinator Sherry Haag at (989) 348-0039.

## Mercy's diabetes education program honored

Mercy Hospital Grayling's diabetes self-management program has been awarded continued recognition from the American Diabetes Association.

The hospitals' program, originally recognized by the ADA in December 2000, provides high quality education services to the patients in the communities that it serves. Recognition status is reserved for programs that have a staff of knowledgeable health care professionals who can provide the latest information about diabetes management for patients.

Self management is an important part of diabetes treatment. A participant in an ADA Recognized program is taught the skills that will help the

patient better manage his or her diabetes treatment. At Mercy Hospital Grayling, and in all approved education programs, patients learn a diabetes overview, stress and psychological adjustment, family involvement and social support, nutrition, exercise and activity, medications, monitoring and use of results. Other important topics include prevention, detection and treatment of acute and chronic complications.

"Our patients are also taught foot, skin, and dental care, plus

behavior change strategies, goal setting, risk factor reduction, and problem solving," explained Program Coordinator Rhonda Haske, RN, BSN, CDE. "With the support of the health care team and increased knowledge and awareness of diabetes, our patient can assume a major part of the responsibility for his or her diabetes management. Unnecessary hospital admissions and some of the acute and chronic complications of diabetes may be prevented through self management education."

### Small-business group offers tools to help members

It's no secret that today's small-business owners have a lot on their plates. Meetings, customers, employees, government regulations and tax issues, are enough to fill an entrepreneur's day from dawn until dusk. Keeping track of all the paperwork involved can be challenging even for the most organized person.

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ship representative for the National Association for the Self-Employed. "You should also have copies on file with a few trusted business advisors such as your attorney or accountant."

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uments are stored.

Members also have access to useful information through an award-winning Web site at www.nase.org, an exclusive bimonthly magazine, and free business and tax advice. In addition, the NASE has a full-time Washington, D.C.-based legislative staff that gives its members a strong political voice and the negotiating power that comes with group size.

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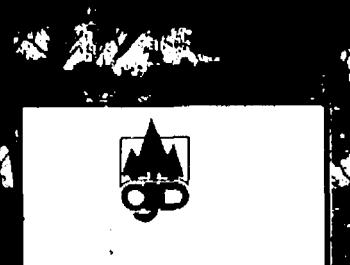
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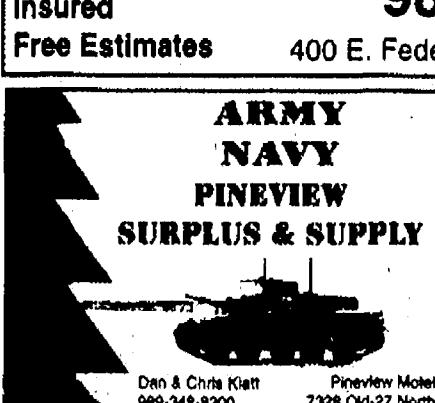


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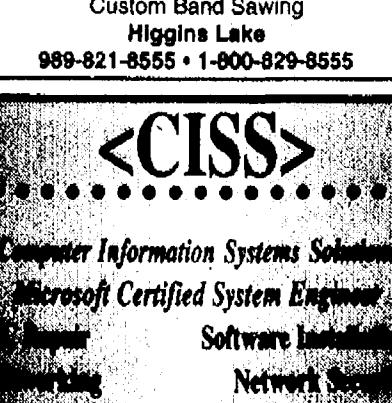
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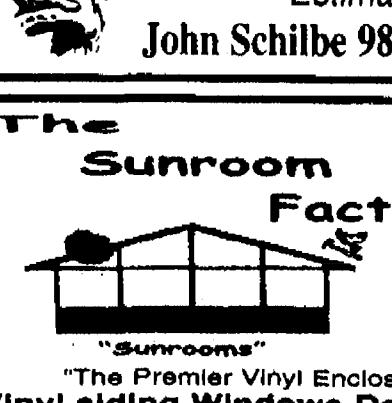
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## Families, providers appreciated at day care



Photo courtesy of Crawford AuSable Day Care and Preschool

Crawford AuSable Day Care and Preschool children brought tears to the eyes of everyone who heard them sing "God Bless America" at a recent celebration.

Crawford AuSable Day Care (CADC) and Preschool celebrated Family Appreciation Day on May 7, in honor of National Day Care Provider Appreciation Day.

The parents of CADC students have celebrated Provider Appreciation Day for the last

several years, but this year, center director Margaret Skidmore wanted to celebrate this special day as a family appreciation day, day care providers and families together.

Celebrations included an announcement that CADC had received over \$10,000 in grant

money for building renovations. Other activities included a performance by the kids, who dressed in handmade camouflage vests and performed one of their favorites, "Day Care Kids are Made of Gold," from Camp Day Care, a week-long "theme" camp from last summer.

The kids also performed "God Bless America" for a teary-eyed, but proud group of parents.

Before enjoying a pizza dinner, the parents, kids and staff all participated in "circle time" and danced to "The Macarena," "The Chicken Dance," and the "Cha-Cha Slide."

## Job outlook good for this year's college grads

by Ann-Marie Murphy

Capital News Service

LANSING — As this year's group of new college graduates scampers to find jobs, the Midwestern class of 2004 is likely to find slightly more opportunities than their 2003 counterparts.

While employers nationally plan to hire 11.2 percent more grads than last year, Midwest firms expect to hire just 2.7 percent more than in 2003, according to a new survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

"We've actually experienced a bit of an increase in recruiters this year," said Michael Simon, the director of Career Planning and Placement at Saginaw Valley State University. "We had our largest-ever employment fair this year with over 100 employers participating."

Marilyn Mackes, the executive director of NACE, said that employers surveyed in August, "told us they planned to increase their hiring for the first time

since 2001.

"Results from our most recent survey show that the class of 2004 is indeed graduating into a more positive job market than classes from the past few years."

The Midwest job prospects projected by the new survey fall significantly short of the gains that NACE projected in September. However, the outlook for the class of 2004 is still better than the two classes that graduated after the economic fallout of September 11, 2001.

Simon said he's seen numerous examples of students that are having bad and good luck finding jobs. He cited one graduating senior who didn't get a job she applied for despite her intense efforts. The young woman, an education major, had her heart set on working at a particular school in Michigan's Thumb.

"She was devastated," Simon said. She ended up taking a substitute teaching position during her final semester with the hope of making herself more marketable to employers.

"There are examples of success, too," Simon said. Another Saginaw Valley student, a political science major and foreign language minor, obtained a civilian position with the U.S. Army recruiting individuals for whom English is a second language.

"He really wanted to use his foreign language skills and his knowledge of international cultures that he picked up as a study abroad student," Simon said. "The job fit his skill set very well."

The industries doing the most recruiting this year, Simon said, are the "financial services, banks, accounting firms, some light manufacturing and a lot of health care."

Nationally, service-sector employers and manufacturers are anticipating the most promising increases, at 16.1 percent and 12.6 percent respectively, according to NACE.

The Midwest lags significantly behind other regions in new hires. The Northeast boasts the most positive job outlook,

expecting to hire 20.9 percent more new grads than in 2003. Southern employers plan to take 10.5 percent more grads and the West expects an increase of 8.3 percent.

New grads can expect higher starting salaries over the class of 2003. Those in computer science, information sciences and management information systems are seeing the greatest increases in three years, according to NACE.

While landing a job in the current economic climate can be difficult and competition fierce with over a million 2004 graduates, career resources are available to Saginaw Valley's 529 graduating seniors. The university's Career Planning and Placement office offers free online job posting, practice interviews, job fairs, and help with resumes and cover letters, Simon said.

Simon added advice for job seekers: "Network, be persistent and broaden your geographical scope."

## MILITARY NEWS

**Commissioned Warrant Officer 4 Richard R. Hull** was born in Howell, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Hull of Grayling. His military career began on December 23, 1976 in Houston, TX when he enlisted in the USMC.

Following Infantry Training School, CWO4 Hull reported to 2nd Battalion 4th Marines, Okinawa, Japan, in July 1977 for his initial tour as an infantryman. During this tour he completed deployments to Korea, Japan, and Taiwan aboard USS Cleveland. He served as a Fire Team Leader and Squad Leader in the 2nd platoon until January 1978 when he assumed duty as the Squad Leader for the Rockets Section of the Weapons Platoon.

In November 1978, he reported to Marine Barracks, NWS Yorktown, VA, where he served as a Guard on the Personal Reliability Program. He married Linda M. Williams in Houston, TX in May 1979. Performed duties as the Corporal of the Guard, Sergeant of the Guard and acting platoon Sergeant throughout the remainder of his tour at NWS Yorktown. Reenlisted with a lateral move to Aviation Ordnance in June 1980. Graduating first in his class from (MATSG-90), NAS Memphis, TN.

In January 1981, he reported for duty to VMFA-232, MCAS Kaneohe, HI for duty as an Aviation Ordnance Technician

and spent 16 months in Quality Assurance as a QAR, working on F-4 aircraft.

In March 1984, he reported to VMFA-112, MAG-41, NAS Dallas, TX for duty as ANCOIC, NCOIC and as the Ordnance Division Chief during his tour, on both F-4 and CH-53 aircraft.

In February 1989, he reported to VFA-125, NAS Lemoore, CA for duty as the Ordnance Branch Chief on FA-18 aircraft. Promoted to the Warrant Officer ranks in February 1990 and served as the Ordnance Branch Officer and Assistant Aviation/Armament Division Officer.

In September 1990, he reported to VMA-(AW)-242, MAG-11, MCAS El Toro, CA for duty as the Squadron Ordnance Officer on A-6 aircraft. In December 1990 the Squadron stood down and was reformed as VMFA-(AW)-242 with F/A-18 aircraft.

In July 1995, he reported to MWHS-1, Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan, for duty as the Assistant Ordnance Officer for

the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

In August 1998, he reported to MCAF, MCBH Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, HI, for duty as the Officer in Charge for the K-Bay Ammunition Supply Point. He graduated from Hawaii Pacific University in June 1999 with an Associates of Science Degree in Business Administration.

In August 2000, he reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall, Washington, DC, for duty with OPNAV N817 as Munitions Logistics Analyst.

In February 2002, CWO4 Hull reported for duty with OPNAV N70 for duty as a NNOR Action/Fleet Liason Officer.

CWO4 Hull's personal awards include the Meritorious Service medal, three Navy Commendation Medals, one Navy Achievement Medal, one Korean Defense Service Medal, one Military Outstanding Service Medal, various unit awards and service ribbons.

CWO4 Hull is married to the former Linda M. Williams of Houston, TX, and they have two

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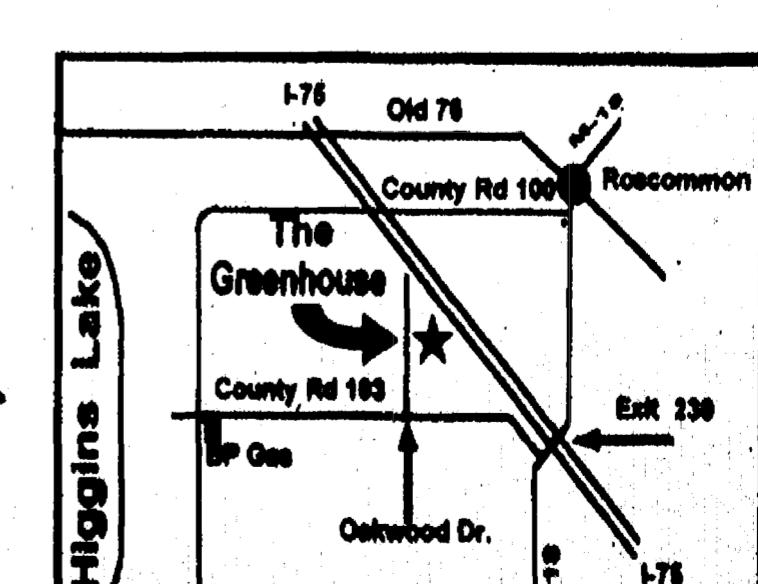
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## Work exercise into your routine on the road

By Ernie Harwell



If you travel a lot for work, like I did for so many years, it can be difficult to maintain healthy habits. The secret is to watch what you eat and drink and to develop a routine that includes some exercise and to follow it religiously.

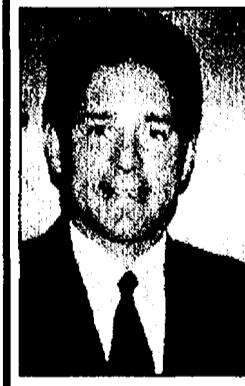
When I was traveling with the Tigers, I had a routine of waking up at 7 a.m., eating a light breakfast and then walking for about 45 minutes to an hour. For many of those years, I was joined by Tiger manager Sparky Anderson. Afterwards, I'd relax a bit, do some work, have a light lunch, and then go to the ballpark.

If you spend a lot of time traveling, try developing a routine of getting out for a walk or a light jog in the morning. It's a great way to start the day, get some exercise and take in the sights wherever you are.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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### Thinking Like A Patient

Vickie always tries to keep in mind what it is like to be an ER patient. She's had some first-hand experience. "It can be frightening and terrifying – you're in an unfamiliar place and a lot of people you don't know are coming at you. It's just not comfortable at all. If the nurse can offer the patient a little warmth and comfort, it makes a big difference."

In Mercy's ER, each patient is assigned to one nurse who stays with him or her for as long as they are receiving care. "From the moment a patient steps in the door, that nursing care continues through discharge. I think a lot of our patients come here because of the fantastic nursing care."

Just like a well-known hotel chain, Vickie believes the best surprise for patients is no surprise. "I try really hard to let them know the plan of care – what is going to happen next and what to anticipate. It is reassuring for them to know what to expect."

ER personnel work three 12-hour shifts a week. "It's a long day. We are on our feet most of that time and by the end of the day we are tired. But it's a great work schedule for young moms because they also have four days off. I wish I'd had that opportunity when my boys were small."

Vickie doesn't doubt her decision to become a nurse, or her family's decision to move north. "It's home. I would never, ever want to move south again. I think Mercy Hospital is the best place I have ever worked. I will probably retire from here."



Nurse Vickie Stark is at home in the Emergency Room at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

first year as an RN working at Mercy Family Care - Roscommon.

About that time, her husband decided to abandon his horrific commute and follow his own aspiration. He opened "J. Stark Art" in Houghton Lake. "He had a lifelong dream of becoming an artist" Vickie said. "He is very good. This is his passion."

"We feel very fortunate," Vickie said. "Not many people are able to take the chance or have the opportunity to try something new. We are both doing what we love."

### At Home in the ER

Vickie began working on the Medical-Surgical Unit at Mercy Hospital Grayling in 1999, and then transferred to the Emergency Department in 2000. She is completely at home as an ER nurse. "It is very, very rewarding, more so than I ever thought possible," she said.

"I love connecting with the patient," she said. "I truly enjoy making a difference in their life and seeing a smile on their face. At times, a touch or a hug, a little wet washcloth to their face, is

all it takes to comfort them."

She likes the variety of cases and the independence she finds in the ER. "We see everything from pediatrics to geriatrics and all kinds of illnesses. Because of the National Guard Camp, we see a lot of guardsmen – from burns to fractures and heat exhaustion to cardiac related.

They are very nice people and they are far from home, so we like to take good care of them. "We work quickly in the ER, and I like that," Vickie said. "And, we have some independence and can make some judgment decisions. It's a close teamwork of nurses and physicians."

Vickie's contributions go beyond the ER, said Pattie Walker, Director of Emergency Services at Mercy Hospital Grayling. "Vickie has trained and participated as a member of the Hazardous Material Decontamination Team. She also contributes to improving the care of our patients even before they reach the ER by working with area EMS providers through the North

a local businessman. "An enhanced hospital will give back to all of us in so many ways and will serve to improve the health, well-being and quality of life for our families."

"Over the past four years, our outpatient services have grown, on average, almost 20 percent per year," said Thomas R. Lemon, Chief Executive Officer. "Since 2000, our surgery volume has grown by more than 50 percent. If we don't expand, we cannot meet the future needs of the community."

The plan has been divided into three phases, with phase one on the immediate horizon. Construction costs to add 30 percent more space to the hospital are expected to exceed \$8 million. Since December, the hospital has been taking pledges from "family and friends," the physicians, staff, Auxiliary and both Hospital and Foundation board members. As of May 7, 2004, they have collectively contributed more than \$700,000. The hospital is now turning to the community for additional contributions.

The demand for healthcare

services from residents and visitors has Otsego Memorial Hospital planning for its third major expansion in 30 years.

"This community supports what it values, and it values Otsego Memorial Hospital," said Sheila Simpson, president, OMH Board of Directors. "By investing in the hospital, people know that they are investing in themselves and in the area as a whole. We are literally building the future!"

The partnership between the community and hospital is long-standing. People from throughout the region contributed to OMH's expansions in 1971 and 1994, with more than 700 area residents and businesses contributing to the '94 campaign. This month, a capital campaign is being introduced that asks the community to exceed what the hospital family has raised.

Construction of phase I is expected to begin late this summer, involving about 15,500 square feet of new construction and 19,200 square feet of renovated space.

On the first floor, 7,200 square feet of new construction will be added to:

- Expand and consolidate primary clinical services-including laboratory, diagnostic imaging, cardiopulmonary services, cardiac rehabilitation, and physical and occupational therapy. Space will be provided for a future MRI suite.

- Create expanded registration, waiting and reception areas to enhance patient and family comfort, convenience and privacy.

On the second floor, directly above the expanded clinical facilities, 8,300 square feet will be added to expand and improve:

- Ambulatory care and surgical services, including four new procedure rooms needed to accommodate the increased demand for outpatient surgical procedures.

## Otsego Memorial Hospital plans expansion

- Pharmacy services.
- The intensive care unit, providing more space for critical care and support services.

Phases two and three, to be done at a future time, involve expanding and renovating the hospital's skilled nursing facility, McReynolds Hall, and expanding the south wing to provide space for medical/surgical rooms on the second floor and centralize administrative, conference and educational services on the first floor.

OMH also operates Shared Care, which provides durable medical equipment and supplies to patients; OMH Medical Group, a 24-provider, multi-specialty physicians group and specialty clinic; and MedCare Walk-In Clinic. OMH is a partner in ownership of Dialysis Services of Gaylord.

Today, the medical staff at OMH is made up of more than 60 physicians in 27 specialties. The hospital is the largest employer in the area with more than 500 employees, which equates to more than \$18 million dollars in salaries and benefits.

The hospital has an undeniable impact on the local economy. OMH Foundation Director, Deborah Allen explains "By supporting the hospital capital campaign individuals are helping to lower the amount the hospital will need to finance for the project, this in turn lowers the debt for the hospital, and helps secure its financial stability." She goes on to say, "These are trying times for small community based hospital's, we need to do everything we can to support OMH's future as our regional healthcare provider."

For information on how you can support the "Growing With The Community Capital Campaign" with a tax-deductible contribution, contact Deb Allen, at the OMH Foundation Office at (989) 731-2342, or send your contribution to "OMH Capital Campaign," 825 N. Center Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735.

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# Wellington Farm Park opens May 28

► Local historic park recreates life as it was in the 1930s

Wellington Farm Park, a working farm that depicts how life was lived in the year 1932 – a time that is known historically as the bottom of the Great Depression, opens its season full of historical-themed events and summer recreation on Friday, May 28.

Economically, 1932 was about as bad as it ever got in the United States. The unemployment rate was around 30 percent, banks were closing, thousands were starving to death, and even more were homeless.

During this tough time, the small farmers had it the worst, and the best. There was little or no money, and no opportunity to earn any more. The large farmers of the plains were heavily mortgaged, and as a result they were losing their farms and their homes. Many of the small farmers of the mid-west, however, were living on land that had been homesteaded by their grandparents, or had been purchased by their parents, so in a manner of speaking, they were secure. They had a home, they cut wood for heat and they grew their own food. Any extra farm products could be taken into town and used to barter for essentials that could not be produced on the farm.

A trip to Wellington Farm Park allows visitors a chance to step through the gates of history into that time of economic need. As you ride the tractor-drawn wagon into the agricultural center of the park, you will pass by fields and gardens where members of the farm family are hard at work growing crops and producing the food that will sustain them through the upcoming long northern Michigan winter.

The ride comes to an end in front of John Schram's Blacksmith Shop. Here visitors may have the opportunity to see a blacksmith at work repairing farm machinery or manufacturing items for the farm. Nearby is Junior Wakeley's Sawmill. Normally, the mill operates every weekend, sawing lumber to be used to construct and repair buildings throughout the park. Behind the sawmill is the Carpenter Shop, a building occupied primarily on rainy days and in the winter. It is here that the farmer builds or repairs the wooden parts necessary to keep his farm operating and his family comfortable.

Across the way is the Grist Mill. To the farmer, this is one of the most important buildings in the park, because it is here that he processes the grains he grows into food for both human and animal consumption. Normally, the Grist Mill operates at least two days each week grinding corn, wheat, oats, and buckwheat into flour or meal for the kitchen and scratch or chop feed for the animals.

At the far end of the park is the petting barnyard and the machine shed. This is the most popular area



French & Indian War Re-Enactment at Wellington Farm Park

for the grandparents and the children. The children are drawn by the animals. They can pet the sheep, ride the pony, watch as the goats butt their heads together, and let the llamas feed from their hand. The grandparents are drawn here by the children, and they soon find their way into the machine shed where all the big machinery of the park is housed. Three threshing machines, one of the late 1800's vintage, several tractors, a corn husker-shredder, and Wellington's latest addition to its agricultural collection, a 1915 Rumely Cloverhuller.

Behind the Grist Mill is the social center of the park. It is in this area that park interpreters depict the domestic life of the family. The most popular spot to visit for the ladies is Jennie's Summer Kitchen. The kitchen is open almost every day with ladies in period clothing, cooking on the wood cookstove the way they did in 1932. It is often the smell of baking bread or freshly baked cookies that brings the menfolk into the kitchen.

Nearby is the Leon Johnston Picnic Pavilion, which is available for family picnics or group outings of any kind. The Cider Mill is also located here and it is in operation every weekend in October.

In addition to the historic buildings and displays, Wellington Farm Park also provides a complete network of Nature Trails and is a favorite spot for bird watchers. Over 100 species of birds have been identified here. Wild flowers are abundant and a rare species of Michigan orchid grows in the park.

A trip to Wellington Farm Park would not be complete without a stop at the Visitor Center and Farm Market. The Visitor Center contains a small museum of mem-

## SPECIAL EVENTS AT WELLINGTON FARM PARK

June 25-27 – 10 am-5 pm – French & Indian War Re-enactment  
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July 10 – 10 am-5 pm – Wellington Free Fair  
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August 7 – 10 am-5 pm – Jackpine Jamboree  
August 27-29 – 10 am-5 pm – Flatbelt Festival  
September 18 – 10 am-5 pm – Dairy Day  
September 24-26 – 10 am-5 pm – Walk-thru-History  
October 9 – 10 am-5 pm – Apple Day  
October 16 – 10 am-5 pm – Pumpkin Day  
October 23-24 – 10 am-5 pm – Punkin Chunkin  
October 29-30 – 10 am-5 pm – Halloween Hayrides  
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orabilia of Wellington, the community for which the farm park was named as well as a small gift shop. Across the drive is the Farm Market, which itself is a historical artifact. The building was one of the original buildings of the Higgins Lake Forestry Nursery. It was the first historic building brought to Wellington in 2001. At the market is a large array of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, maple syrup, hay, straw, and animal feed.

In addition to the daily activities, Wellington Farm Park presents a long list of special events each season. Three large festivals are the French and Indian War Re-enactment on June 26-27, the Flat Belt Festival on August 27-29, and Walk-thru-History on September 24-26.

Wellington Farm Park, located just south and west of Grayling on Military Road between Higgins Lake and Camp Grayling, is open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from May 28 to Halloween. The farm market is open seven days a week. More information can be obtained by calling toll free (888) 653-3276 or

visiting the park's website: [www.wellingtonfarmpark.org](http://www.wellingtonfarmpark.org)

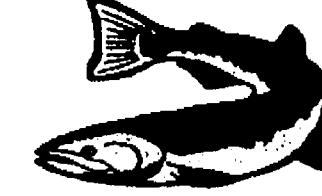
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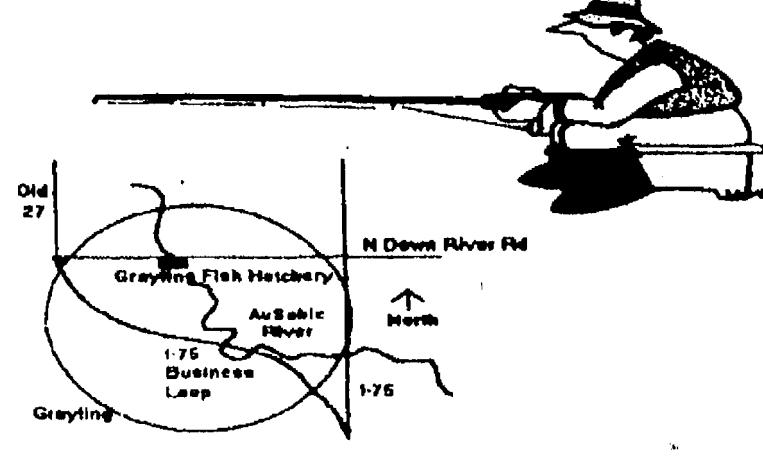


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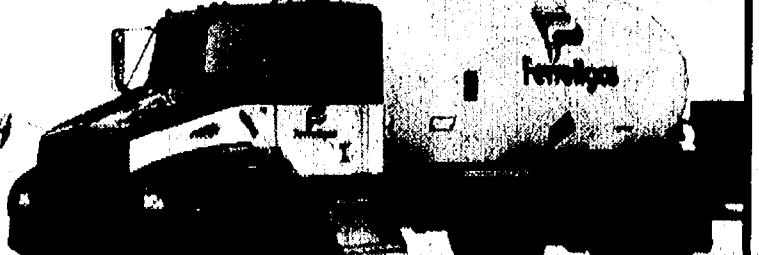
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► Game 1: GHS 13, CHS 3 – Game 2: GHS 16, CHS 5

## Baseball: GHS wins both games of series

### Vikings sweep doubleheader at Charlevoix on Monday night

The Vikings of Grayling High School won both games of a varsity baseball doubleheader at Charlevoix last

Monday by scores of 13-3, 16-5.

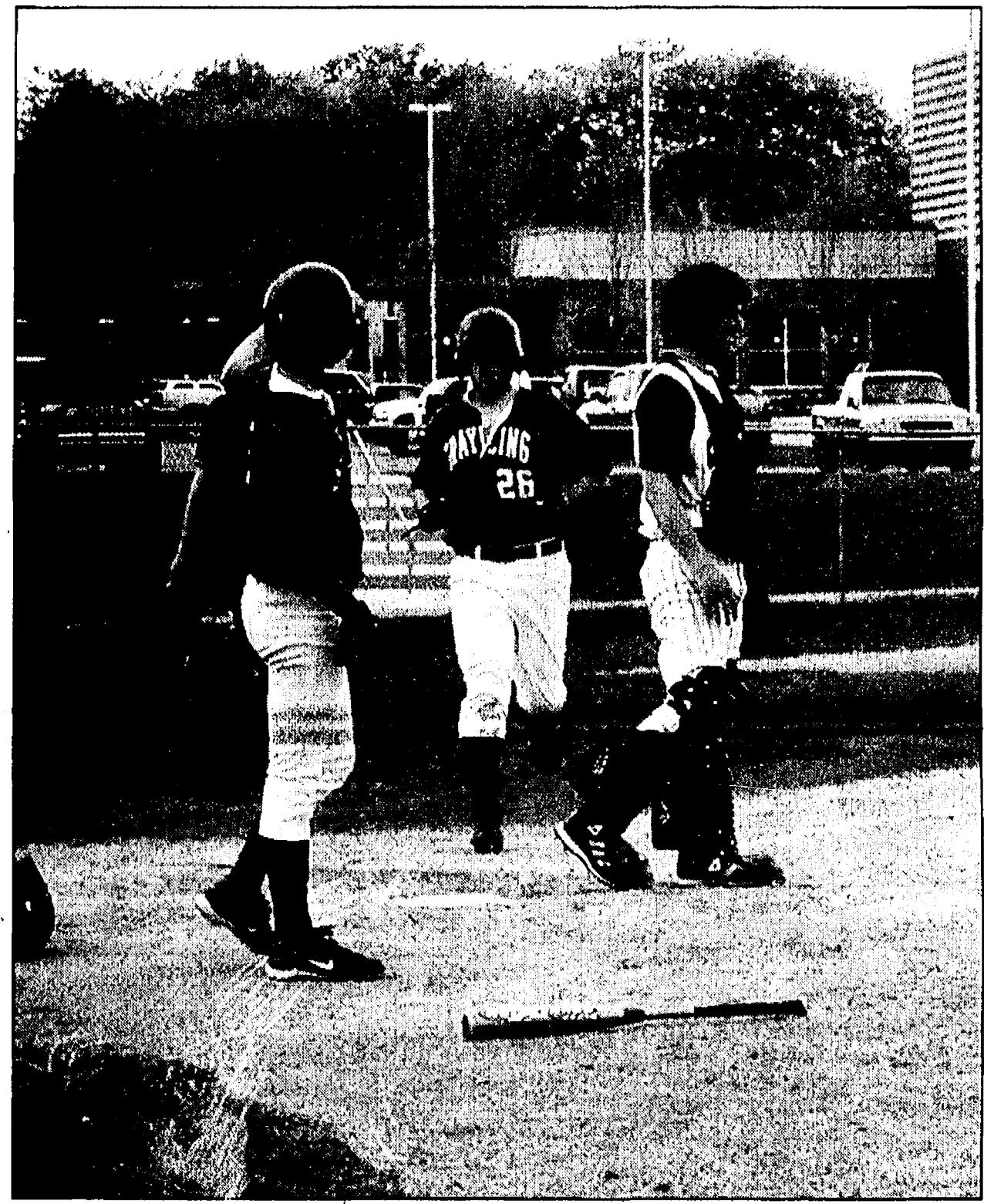
Grayling's offense pounded out 16 hits in the first game of the series. Leading hitters for Grayling were: Andy Strohpaul, 3 for 4, 2 RBI; Joe Lange, 2 for 3, 2 RBI; Greg Morrill, 2 for 4 (home run), 2 RBI; Ryan Davis, 2 for 4, 2

RBI; D.J. Metzer, 2 for 4; Gibson Tobin, 1 for 4 (home run).

Joe Lange pitched for the Vikings, raising his season record to 4-2 with the victory. He struck out two, walked three, and scattered six hits.

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See "BASEBALL..."



D.J. Metzer scores a run for the Vikings in game two of the doubleheader at Charlevoix last Monday.

► Game 1: GHS 9, CHS 5 – Game 2: GHS 1, CHS 4

## Softball: Vikings win 9-5 at Charlevoix

### Varsity softball team splits with Rayders with 9-5 win, 4-1 loss

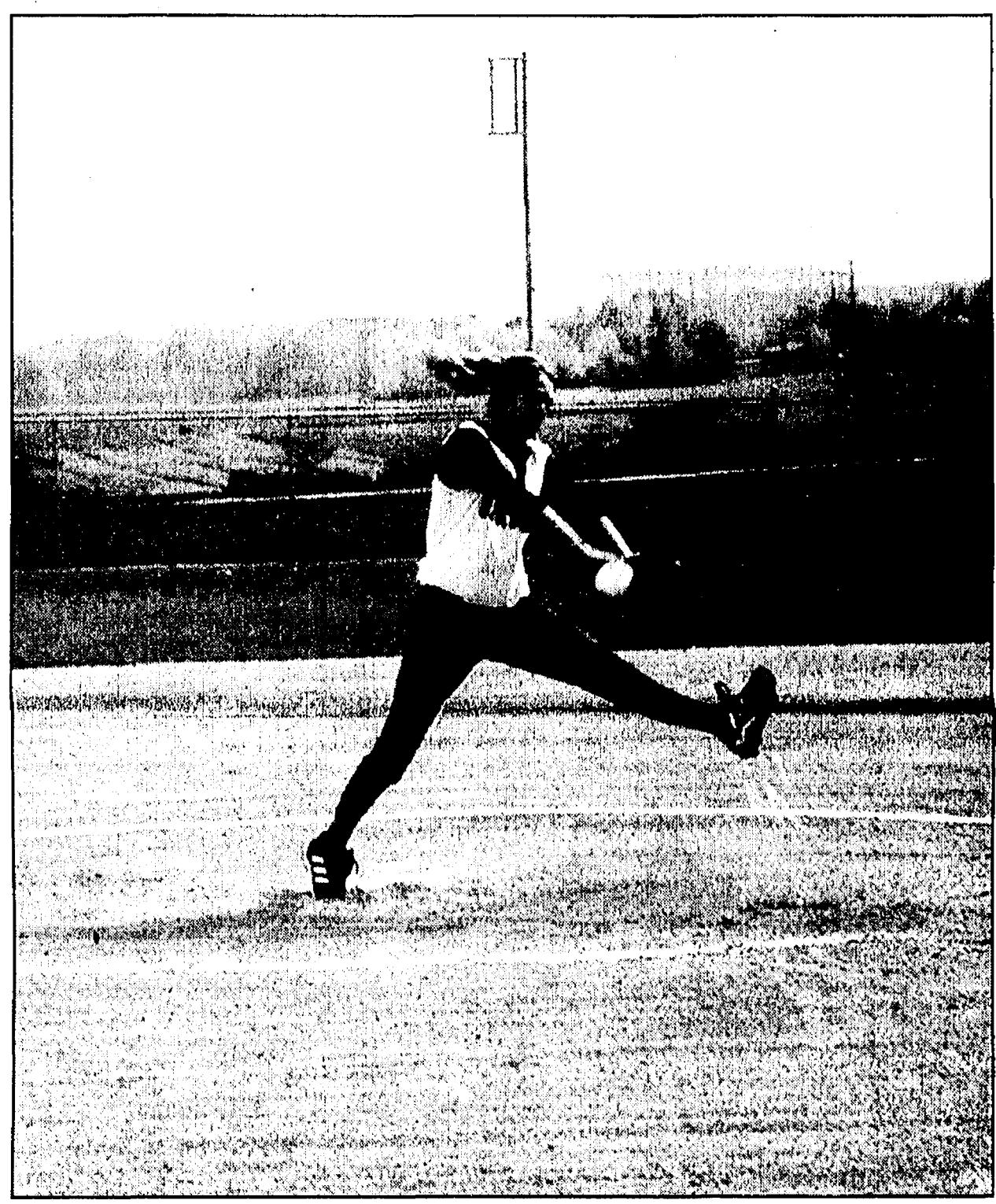
Grayling High School's varsity girls softball team split a doubleheader with the Rayders at Charlevoix last Monday, with the Vikings winning

game one 9-5 and the Rayders taking game two 4-1.

The first game of the series was scoreless after two innings. The Vikings got on the board first with two runs in the top of the third inning. Charlevoix tied the score at 2-2 with two runs in the bottom of the third (with help from four Viking errors).

Grayling scored four runs in the top of the fourth inning, including three on a bases loaded hit by Jessica Henderson. The Rayders scored three runs in their half of the fourth, leaving the Grayling lead at one (6-5) going into the fifth.

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See "SOFTBALL..."



Chelsea Wolcott pitches for Grayling in game one of last week's series at Charlevoix.

## Grayling Little League celebrates 40th season with Home Run Derby

### Competitors square off in eight divisions on Saturday, May 15

More than 110 participants took a shot at being the division champion of the first ever Grayling Little League Home Run Derby, an event that helped the league celebrate its 40th chartered year. The Home Run Derby, held on Saturday, May 15, was an event planned just for fun to kick off the league's anniversary season, event organizers said.

There were 10 divisions offered for the competition and 8 divisions drew participants. There were 5 divisions for active Little Leaguers including minor, intermediate, major, junior, and softball. Divisions were also offered for Vikings (high school athletes), Celebrity, Business, Alumni, and Coaches.

The event started with the introduction of all players, Continued on Page 7B  
See "GRAYLING LITTLE..."



Roger Mason, former Major League Baseball player and guest speaker at Grayling Little League's Home Run Derby, with some of the minor leaguers

### Two Viking runners qualify for State

Tyler Cragg and Ryan Schmidt both place 2nd at Regionals

Two athletes from Grayling High School's boys track team – Tyler Cragg and Ryan Schmidt – qualified for the State Finals by finishing second at Regionals on May 22 at Benzie Central.

Cragg qualified for State in the 400m dash with a time of 52.1. Schmidt qualified for State in the 300m hurdles with a time of 41.7. Tim Umlor just missed State qualification. Umlor placed 4th in the discus event at Regionals with a throw of 145'11".

"Both Tyler Cragg and Ryan Schmidt made it into the State Finals. From what I've been told we only had one athlete make it to the finals in the past 15-plus years. So for our program to have two runners make it this year is a great accomplishment," Coach Ben Brock said.

The State Finals will be held at Comstock Park in two weeks.





Heather Metzer and Skylynn Palmer get set at third base and shortstop, respectively, on Monday night.

## Softball: Vikings win 9-5 at Charlevoix

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The Vikings scored three more runs in the fifth inning. Skylynn Palmer, who led off the inning with a walk, and Ashley Prosser, who singled, both scored on a double by Heather Metzer. Metzer scored on a triple by Henderson.

The Vikings held Charlevoix scoreless in the fifth and sixth innings to seal the 9-5 victory. It was Grayling's first win of the 2004 season, and the varsity softball program's first victory since the 2002 season.

"I'm proud of the girls. They didn't panic when Charlevoix pulled within one, and they did what needed to be done down the stretch. Jessica Henderson and Ashley Prosser both had really good games at the plate and Katie Baynham had two nice catches in left field in the last inning to help us seal it," Coach Caleb Casey said. "I hope we can keep improving and build on this win."

Chelsea Wolcott pitched all six innings for Grayling and picked up the win. She had 10 strikeouts and five walks. Charlevoix finished with four hits. "Chelsea pitched a great game. Our defense had six errors in the middle two innings and that's when Charlevoix got their runs," Coach Casey said.

Leading hitters for Grayling in

game one were: Henderson, 2 for 4 (1 triple) with 4 RBI and 1 run scored; Prosser, 3 for 4 (1 double), 2 runs scored; Metzer, 1 for 3 (double), 3 runs scored, 2 RBI; Kelly Dunckley, 1 for 3, 1 RBI, 1 steal, 1 run scored; Heather Vandecar, 1 for 3 (double); Baynham, 1 RBI; Emily Harvey, 1 run scored; Skylynn Palmer, 1 run scored.

Charlevoix won the second game of the series 4-1.

"Charlevoix had some good hits in this game. On offense, we didn't have a single strikeout – not one. We put the ball in play, we just weren't able to get very

many quality hits off their pitcher. Give Charlevoix credit for making the plays in the field. We just couldn't find the gaps like we did in game one," Coach Casey said. "It was a good game. We just needed another inning or two. We started to rally in the sixth inning, but it wasn't enough."

Wolcott pitched all six innings for the Vikings. She struck out one and walked two. Charlevoix had six hits, three of them doubles.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: Metzer, 3 for 3 (1 double), 2 steals; Wolcott, 2 for 3; Baynham, 1 RBI; Emily Harvey, 1 run scored; Skylynn Palmer, 1 run scored.



Kelly Dunckley catches a throw from shortstop Skylynn Palmer for a force out at second base.

## Softball team draws Cadillac for first round of Districts

**Vikings to face host Cadillac on Tuesday, June 1, at 4:30 p.m.**

In the only District #34 round one girls softball match-up, Grayling will face tournament

host Cadillac on Tuesday, June 1, at 4:30 p.m.

The tournament's other three teams – Houghton Lake, Harrison, and Kalkaska – all drew first round byes.

Houghton Lake and Harrison will play in the semi-final round on Saturday, June 5, at 10 a.m. at

Cadillac.

Kalkaska will face the winner of the Grayling vs. Cadillac at 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 5. The District championship game will be held 30 minutes after the second semi-final contest.

All District #34 games will be held at Cadillac.

### Michigan High School Athletic Association Girls Softball District #34 Division 2

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# **Grayling Fish Hatchery opens on May 29**

The Grayling Fish Hatchery, a place where visitors can feed and catch sizeable trout, opens on Saturday, May 29. The hatchery is located just off of I-75 at the North Down River Road exit.

Most Grayling Fish Hatchery visitors enjoy tossing food to the thousands of brook, brown and rainbow trout that range from minnow-sized to 28 inches long. The fish live and grow in the 11 raceways at the hatchery, located on the East Branch of the AuSable River.

their dinner out of the Fish Out Pond. Fishing poles are available for use.

and lay dormant until around 1979 when local sportsmen and historians learned the DNR planned to fill in the ponds and efforts to reopen the landmark began. Currently, a major renovation project is in the works to create a museum at the site.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery is open every day from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for kids up to 17 years. Kids under the age of five are free. A daily family pass is available for \$6. Season passes are \$15 per family, \$10 per couple, and \$5 for senior citizens.

## FISHING REPORT

Rivers: Bait fishermen have been doing well on the AuSable and Manistee. There have been a few hatches during the afternoon hours.

still drifting in about 15 feet of water with live leeches and jig-heads and trolling rapalas.

Manistee Lake has been good for crappie and bluegill.

Lakes: Bluegill fishing has been decent on Lake Margrethe and many of the smaller lakes in the area, such as Frog, KP, and Hargrove. Try fishing in 9-12 feet of water.

shallows at Higgins Lake. Perch and trout fishing on Higgins Lake has been good to great.  
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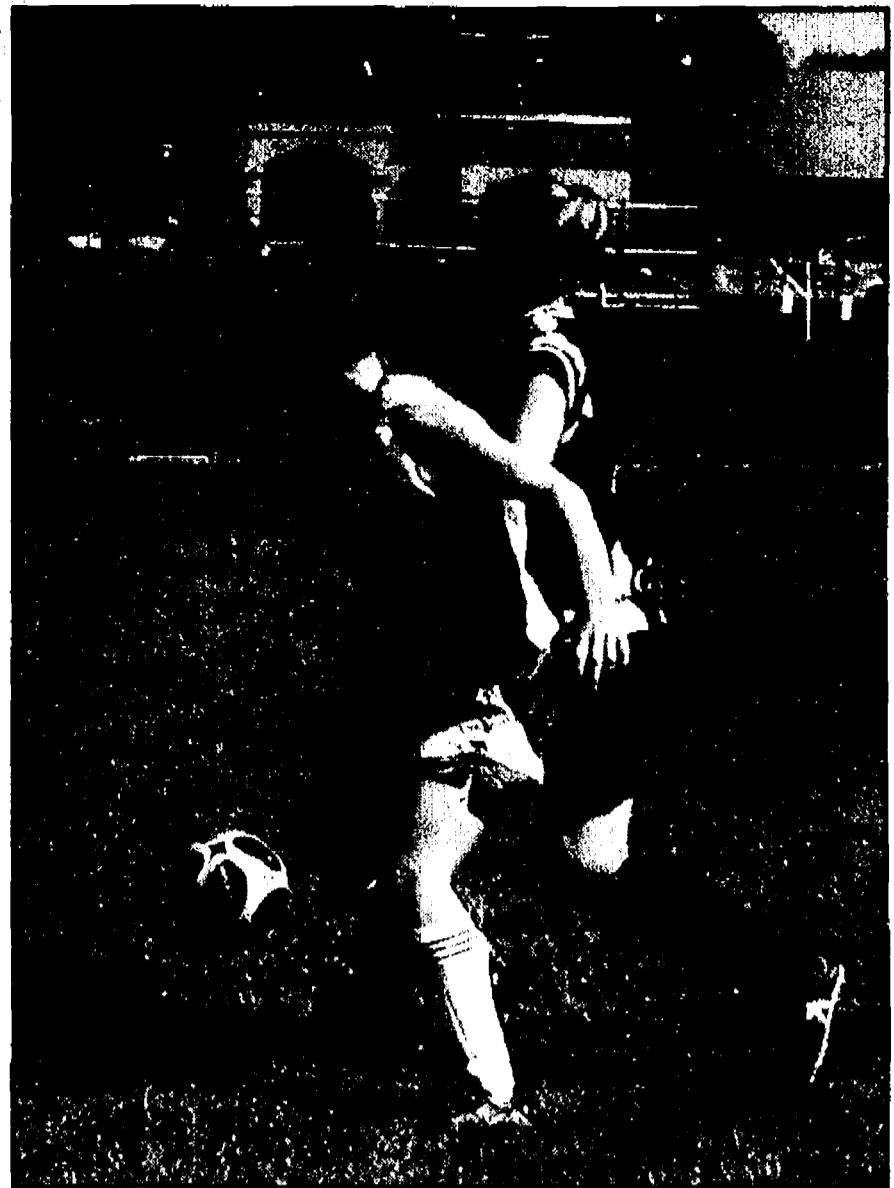
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Beth Lucey takes a throw-in for Grayling in last week's game against Roscommon.



Jill Seager goes after a ball in the Roscommon game.



Jessica Pfaff takes a goal kick for the Vikings last Wednesday.

## Soccer team draws Cheboygan for June 1 District game

**Contest will be played at Grayling High School at 5 p.m.**

The GHS varsity girls soccer team drew Cheboygan for its

round one District game to be held Tuesday, June 1, at 5 p.m. at Grayling High School.

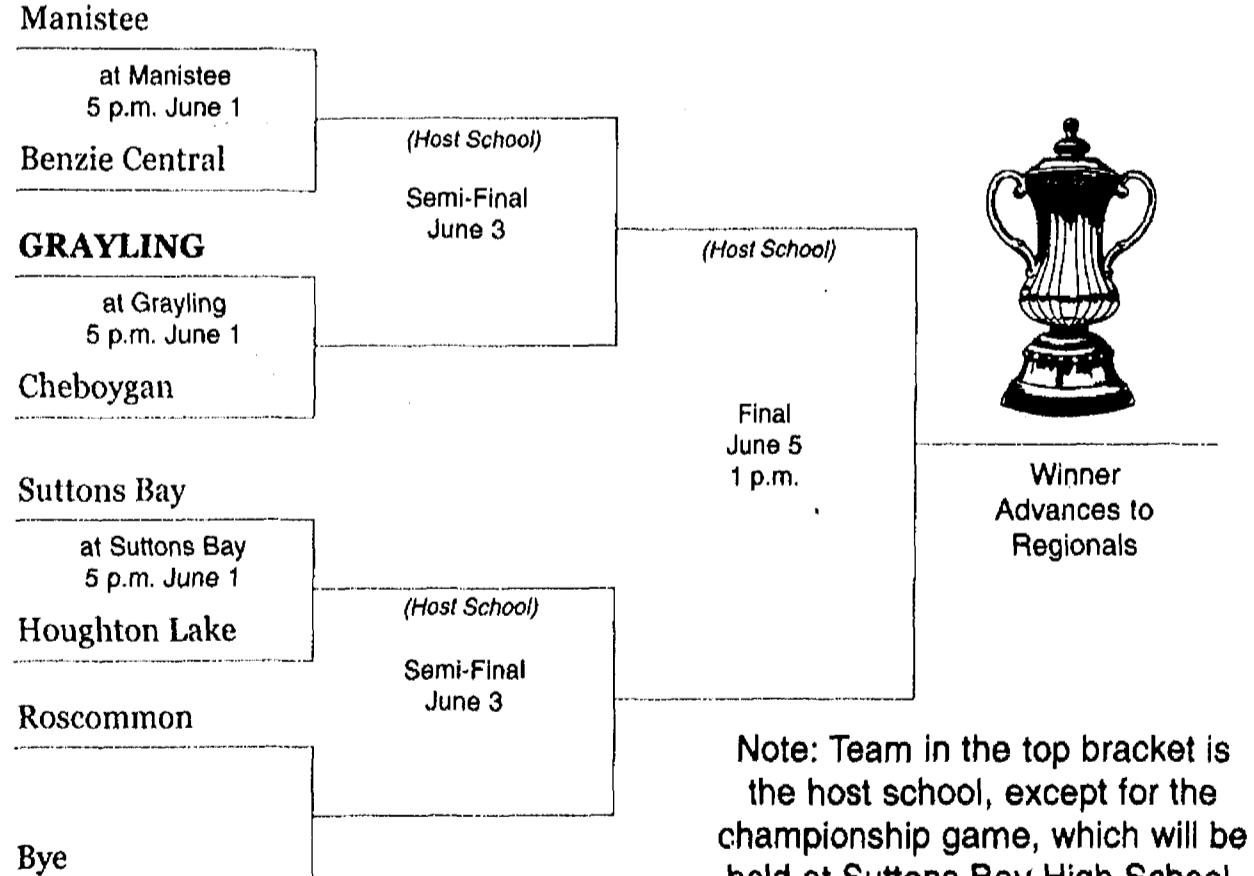
The winner of the Grayling vs. Cheboygan contest will play the winner of Manistee vs. Benzie Central on Thursday, June 3, in the semi-final round.

In the lower bracket, Roscommon drew a first round "bye" and will face the winner of Tuesday night's Suttons Bay vs. Houghton Lake game in the semi-finals on Thursday, June 3.

The District #48 championship game will be held at Suttons Bay

High School on Saturday, June 5, at 1 p.m.

### Michigan High School Athletic Association Girls Soccer Class 'B' District #48 Division 3



Casey Mahaffy fights for a ball on defense via the Bucks last week.

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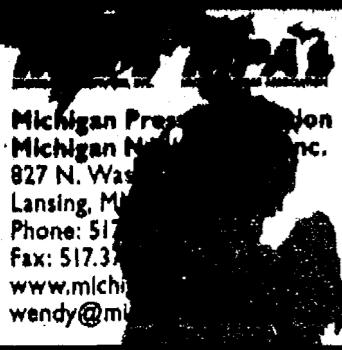


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## GHS tennis team wins 7-1

Austin Andrus and Jim Jansen won their first match 6-2, 6-3 at #3 doubles.

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost to Petoskey 5-3 at Grayling.

Winners for Grayling included: Schafer (#1 singles), 6-0, 6-0; Hayes (#4 singles), 6-2, 6-3; Dean, Haven (#3 doubles), 6-4, 6-3.

On Thursday, the Vikings placed 8th out of 11 teams at Regionals.

Participating teams included Boyne City, Charlevoix, Elk Rapids, Glen Lake, Harbor Springs, Leelanau, Leland, Manistee, Traverse City Christian, and Traverse City St. Francis.

Schafer won his first match at #1 singles 6-1, 6-1. He lost his next match 7-5, 2-6, 4-6.

Doug Slater (#2 singles) won his first contest 7-5, 6-4.

Zach Dean and James Haven

won their first match 6-2, 6-3 at #3 doubles.

"The boys really played awesome today. Slater walked off the court at 5:15 p.m. after a tough match in the semi-finals at #2 singles.

Grayling tennis hasn't had a flight get to the semi-finals at Regionals in years. And Mattias Schafer almost knocked out the #2 seed at #1 singles in a tough three-set match. We saved

our best tennis of the season for Regionals. I'm proud of what this team has accomplished this year," Coach Joe Mau said.

On Saturday, the Vikings competed in the Petoskey JV Invitational tournament.

Final team standings were: Traverse City St. Francis, 1st, 21 points; Petoskey JV, 2nd, 12 points; Grayling, 3rd, 8 points; Traverse City West JV, 4th, 7 points.

Match score highlights for

Grayling included: Schafer (#1 singles) - 6-1, 6-0 win vs. Petoskey; 6-2, 6-2 win vs. TCW; Slater and Hayes (#1 doubles) - 7-5, 6-4 win vs. Petoskey; 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 win vs. TCSF; 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 win vs. TCW; Fekete and Jansen (#2 doubles) - 6-2, 6-4 win vs. Petoskey; 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 win vs. TCW; Feutz and Haven (#3 doubles) - 6-4, 6-1 win vs. TCW.

"The boys played very well today. Slater and Hayes went undefeated at #1 doubles and captured flight medals for their efforts. Schafer went 2-1 at #1 singles, while the #2 doubles team of Jansen and Fekete won the last match of the tournament to propel Grayling ahead of TC West in the team standings by winning a thriller 4-6, 6-1, 7-6," Coach Joe Mau said. "What a finish to an awesome day and an incredible season."

## Golf team wins vs. Bucks

### Vikings defeat Roscommon 215-248 at Fox Run on Friday

Grayling High School defeated Roscommon 215-248 in a varsity

girls golf meet at Fox Run Country Club last Friday.

Individual scores for Grayling included: Mallory Olson, 51; Jessie Morley, 52; Abby Wheeler, 55; Nicole Reyes, 57.

"It's always great to take a win just before the MHSAA tourna-

ments begin and the Vikings were able to accomplish that this week. If we can continue to better our putting efforts and remain consistent with the drives and long shots, we will do well at Regionals," Coach Rebecca Brown said.

Play at the Regionals event was suspended after six holes due to severe thunderstorms and lightning. Play is expected to resume sometime this week. The Regional meet is being held at Genesee Meadow View Golf Course in Swartz Creek (Flint).

## Tennis leagues to be held at GHS

### Singles league, doubles league to be offered this summer

Area tennis players can now sign up for a summer singles league and/or summer doubles

league -- both of which will be held at the Grayling High School tennis courts this summer.

**Grayling Tennis Summer**

**Singles League** - Dates: Tuesday evenings 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 8 through July 27. Cost: \$35. To sign up, see Dianne Tobin at the Grayling High

School athletic office. For more information, contact Joe Mau, GHS tennis coach, at 348-7227.

**Grayling Tennis Summer**

**Doubles League** - Dates: Thursday evenings 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 10 through July 29. Cost: \$35. To sign up, see Dianne Tobin at the Grayling High

School athletic office. For more information, contact Joe Mau at 348-7227.

All proceeds from the leagues will benefit the GHS varsity boys tennis team.

Checks should be made payable to Joe Mau (memo: boys tennis team).

## GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

### By Donna Thomson Wednesday Ladies League

Well folks we're on a roll. Another gorgeous day was enjoyed by all the gals on the Wednesday Ladies League on May 19.

The group today played "Best Ball" and four teams did very well.

In 1st place was the team of Mary Hamblin, Evie Kent and Kathy Olson with a 43.

In 2nd place was the team of Juanita Brown, Balkis Shippy and Donna Thomson.

There was a tie for 3rd place with a 47, between the teams of Bev Ludeman, Bev McNamara and Bev Zimmerman and the team of Jeanette Kitchen, Shirley Schultz and Mickey Perez.

We also had two chip-ins today and they were by Bev Ludeman on #10 and Kathy Olson on #14. President Jeanette Kitchen then

recognized Kathy Olson for doing our playbooks for this year and the golf committee for putting them all together.

A nice lunch was enjoyed by all. We had a grilled marinated chicken breast, with a side of macaroni salad and cake for dessert.

Next week we begin our "official league play" so I hope we all have "best balls" throughout the season. That's all "fore" now.

## GRA MEN'S SOFTBALL

The Grayling Recreation Authority Men's Softball League opened its 2004 season last week.

On Monday, Kodiak and 2

Track Inn squared off in the season opener. Kodiak won both games of the doubleheader with scores of 23-22, 21-17.

On Wednesday night, SMK

won the first game of a double-header vs. McClain & Son 16-15. McClain & Son won the second game 28-16.

American Legion received a "bye" the first week.

Current League Standings:

| Team            | W/L |
|-----------------|-----|
| Kodiak          | 2-0 |
| American Legion | 2-0 |
| McClain & Son   | 1-1 |
| SMK             | 1-1 |
| 2 Track Inn     | 0-2 |

For more information on GRA activities visit its website: [www.hansonhills.org](http://www.hansonhills.org)

## Holiday Inn

### Viking of the Week

**MALLORY OLSON**

Girls Golf  
Coach: Rebecca Brown  
**MALLORY OLSON**

Mallory consistently posts low scores for the Vikings and leads the team by her example of dedication and working hard to make the most out of each shot. "I look for Mallory to be a key to success at Regionals," her coach said.



## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

WARBLER'S HIDEAWAY  
ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF  
VS FILE NO. 03 6184 CH  
Allen and Dawn Bastien, Joey  
Harrel, Glen C. Mast, Joe McLean,  
Karen Rasey, F. Allen Schmidtapp,  
Raymond Wise, Thomas Witbrodt,  
DEFENDANTS

David R. Sabin P19822  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989/348-5588

#### Notice of Sale

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of a Judgment of the Clerk of the Court for the County of Crawford, Michigan, dated April 5, 2004, directing the sale of the following-described properties, all of which are located in Warbler's Hideaway Association, Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan, I shall offer the said properties for public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan in Crawford County, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court on Friday, May 28, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

Lot No. Subdivision  
436 Warblers Hideaway No. 3  
11 Warblers Hideaway  
216 Northern Heights  
163 Warblers Hideaway  
563 Warblers Hideaway No. 4  
308 Warblers Hideaway No. 2  
486 Warblers Hideaway No. 4  
218 Warblers Hideaway  
290 Northern Heights No. 2  
Karen Martella, Chief Deputy  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
4/26/04 -6-13-20-27

### Short Foreclosure Notice - Crawford County

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in th conditions of a mortgage made by: GREGORY A. MILLER and SHELLA A. MILLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage, Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagor, dated May 7, 2002, and recorded on May 15, 2002, in Liber 581 on page 452, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE AND 55/100 DOLLARS (\$129,959.55), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on June 16, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP of GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

LOT 15 & 16, BLOCK 1 FIRST ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 19, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

TAX PARCEL ID#: 040-45-762-01-015-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 6, 2004

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation.

Mortgagor

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
3030 Northwestern Highway,  
Suite 222  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

-13-20-27-3-10

### Notice Of

### Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith Wade Confere a/k/a Keith Confere, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagor, dated June 28, 2002, and recorded on July 23, 2002 in Liber 589 on Page 480, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six-Seven And 99/100 Dollars (\$35,567.99), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 16, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: That certain parcel of land located within the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 26 North, range 1 West, Bounded by a line beginning at a point 50 rods South and 30 rods West of the 1/4 corner at the Northeast corner of said 40 acres tract; thence running west 10 rods; thence South 14 rods; thence East 10 rods; thence North 14 rods; to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 13, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302

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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic  
Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-  
5822  
File #023731F01

-13-20-27-3

### MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Zarnick, a married man, joined by his spouse, Sharon K. Zarnick, to Westmark Mortgage Corporation, mortgagor, dated March 8, 1999 and recorded May 12, 1999 in Liber 481, Page 262, and Scrivener's Affidavit to correct the legal description Dated 2/12/04 and recorded 2/23/04 in Liber 666 page 465, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE, FKA BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. AS TRUSTEE by assignment dated March 24, 1999 and recorded on July 12, 2000 in Liber 511, Page 252, Scrivener's Affidavit to correct the legal description submitted to and recorded by Crawford County Records Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two and 74/100 Dollars (\$35,742.75) including interest at the rate of 12.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on June 2, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the section 17, town 26 north, range 2 West, lying on the South side of Highway M-72.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless

the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: April 29, 2004

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Burr, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Washington Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagor, dated December 22, 1999, and recorded on June 26, 2001 in Liber 539 on Page 356, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Altegra Credit Company, a Delaware Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated December 28, 1999 recorded on June 26, 2001 in Liber 539 on Page 366, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Eight And 52/100 Dollars (\$61,468.52), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 16, 2004.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Block 1, original plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 20, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC D 248.593.1309

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-20-27-3-10

### SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting

May 12, 2004

Members Present: Lacey Stephan III,  
Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry  
Wright.

Members Absent: Dale French

Others Present: None.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting  
to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to approve minutes of April 14,

2004, as presented. Ayes; four, Nays;

none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report for March 04 was  
distributed and placed on file.

3. Correspondence (No action  
required): S.T.I.N.G. 2003 Activity  
Report, Chamber News (Apr), Recycling  
Report (Mar), Fire Dept Report (Mar).

4. There were no citizens who wished  
to speak.

5. Motion by Stephan, second by  
O'Mara, to approve the expenditure of up  
to \$90,000.00 from the City/Township  
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund toward  
expansion of the cemetery. This amount  
includes: survey, health dept approval,  
design, map, bidding documents, road,  
building, irrigation, well, sexton wages,  
etc. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one.  
Motion carried.

6. Request from city resident, Tom  
Wellman, that the township contribute to  
continued development of the ice rink  
located next to City Hall. Consensus of  
the Board that Mr. Wellman be invited to  
make a presentation at the June 04 regular  
meeting.

7. Motion by Stephan, second by  
Ashton, that \$7,168. be included in the  
2004-05 General Fund Budget for partici-

pation in the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug  
Team (S.T.I.N.G.) through the Crawford  
County Sheriff's Dept. Ayes; four, Nays;

none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

8. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to authorize changes and additions to the  
Fire Department Building and Land  
Improvement account in the amount of  
\$45,193. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent;  
one. Motion carried.

9. Notification from MDOT that much  
of original street lighting proposed for the  
W-M-2 Street scape and bike path was  
not approved in the grant. Estimates for the  
township to pay for the lights not included  
is approximately \$130,000.00.

10. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

11. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

12. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

13. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

14. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

15. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

16. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

17. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

18. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

19. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

20. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

21. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

22. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

23. Motion by O'Mara, second by  
Stephan, to amend the 2003-04 Budgets  
to include the cost of the lights. Ayes; four,  
Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago May 28, 1981

The top ten graduating seniors for the Grayling High School Class of 1981 are: Christine Brown, Paula Dosch, Scott Dunckley, Melissa Meldrum, Ronda Morford, Holly Nunn, Gary Pettyjohn, Susan Prause, Shawna Watters and Sheryl Wieland. Of approximately 130 graduating seniors, 37 have maintained an honor point average of 3.0 (B) or higher throughout their four years of high school.

Lightning was blamed Sunday as the cause of a fire that heavily damaged an unoccupied home on Bradford Lake in Frederic Township owned by a downstate resident who was not identified by police.

According to a sheriff's department source, lightning struck a white pine near the house and traveled down the trunk and into the ground. The source said the firebolt then carried through the earth into a metal lawn chair and into the structure, setting it ablaze. The firebolt reportedly "furrowed" the ground like a mole as it followed a path from the base of the tree to the chair and into the home.

The Grayling High School baseball team stranded eight men the last four innings and committed seven costly errors Friday as the club bowed to Lincoln-Alcona, 9-3, and lost a berth in the district tournament in the process. "The defense wasn't sharp," understated Coach Fred Wolcott after watching the Vikings allow six unearned runs that proved to be the margin in the loss. Lincoln-Alcona scored one

in the 4th, two in the 5th, and three more in the sixth to knock Grayling out of the districts.

The piano students of Mrs. Janet Dice were proudly presented in a recital on Sunday, May 17, 1981, at the Michelson Memorial Methodist Church. The thirteen students participating were Paula Nunn, Heather Stephenson, Jennifer Naour, Wendy Williams, Paul Reinhardt, Scott Englund, Angie Larson, Theresa McDonald, Pauline Reinhardt, Karen Rauch, Ginger McEvers, Patrick Nunn, and Amy LaGrow. About 65 people attended the recital.

### 46 Years Ago May 29, 1958

Through the efforts of the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce and the cooperation of Brigadier General Ronald D. McDonald and the cooperative Weather Bureau station at Camp Grayling, daily reports of weather in this area are now being received at the U.S. Weather Bureau Station at East Lansing.

A search that began to go outside is still in progress for three inmates of Camp LaVictoire who walked away from the Correction Conservation work camp on May 19. A 1957 station wagon stolen from a Kalkaska area man by the trio was recovered last Friday at Niles, state police reported.

The escapees, all of Grand Rapids, took the car from Joseph Newman, a Kalkaska county service station operator, late Tuesday, May 20, after they walked away from the Camp LaVictoire Prison Camp near Grayling. Police still sought the

escapees, believed to be armed with guns taken in the burglary of a Cedar Springs hardware store.

the roof was discovered on fire around a chimney.

Thirty-five members of a high school amateur rocket association from Lansing were in Grayling over the weekend, to fire several rockets from the range near Bald Knob at the Military Camp, under the authority of Captain John Stabler of the Adjutant General's office in Lansing.

The four member 1958 Frederic Community Schools senior class graduated this Tuesday evening following Baccalaureate Services held on Sunday evening. Members of this year's Frederic graduating class are: Gary Herbert Pippo, Diane Elaine Madill, Carolyn Jo Moyer, and Kay Sonia Schmidt.

### 69 Years Ago May 30, 1935

The B.J. Callahan gas station that has been built on the site where their dwelling was located on US-27 will be opened to the public on Memorial Day. Workmen have been busy for the past several weeks and have constructed a very attractive building on this corner. Mr. Callahan and family have long been residents of Crawford County. They resided at Frederic for many years previous to coming to Grayling. Having had experience in the business, Mr. Callahan and sons Bill and Jack will be in charge and they will handle Blue Sunoco gas.

The Graduate Girls Club met at the home of Miss Muriel DeLaMater last Thursday evening. The girls have decided to continue their club during the summer.

The fire department made a run to the home of Adelbert Wheeler early Wednesday afternoon, when

Jack Papendick is driving a model Ford V-8 purchased last week from Burke's Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Broadbent and family have moved from the North side to the Axel Swanson house.

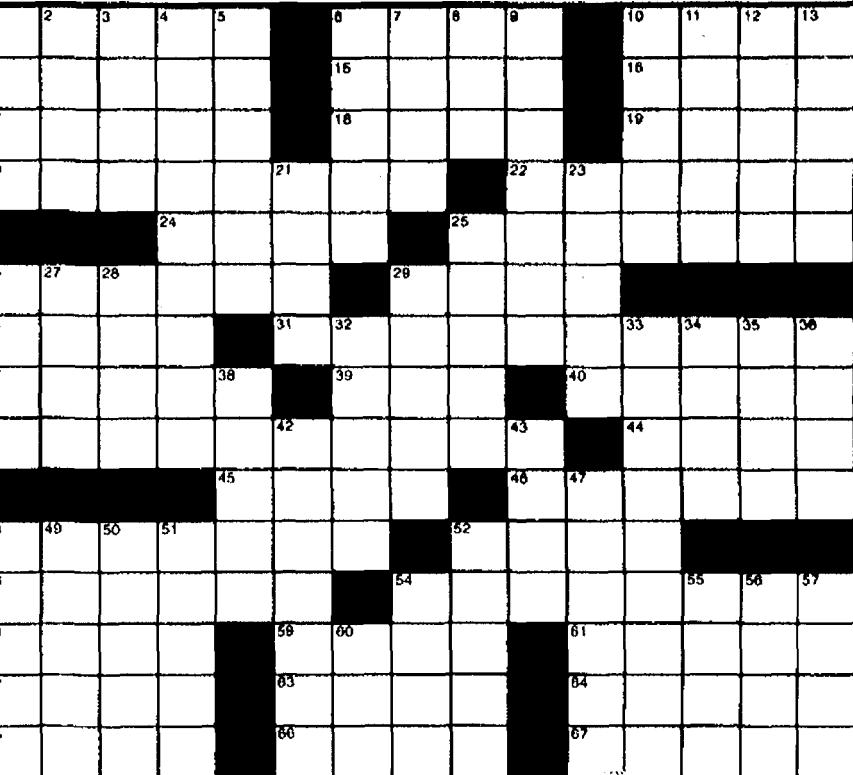
### 92 Years Ago May 30, 1912

John J. Niederer is in receipt of a letter from Auditor General acknowledging receipt of his official report for the last six months. He congratulates him on being the first county clerk in the state to file his report, also for the correctness and excellence. This report is extensive and covers all the court proceedings, also tax records and other affairs pertaining to his office.

The invitation programs for the senior class, printed at this office, are out ready for circulation. This class contains fourteen members and is second largest ever graduated from our schools. Following are the names of those who are to graduate here next month: Marguerite L. Chamberlain, Minnie M. Thompson, Lillie Fischer, Clyde Hurn, Lillian Bates, Margrethe M. Bauman, Howard M. Bradley, Frida Olson, Cora B. Michelson, Bessie M. McCullough, Augusta Kraus, Kenneth S. Marriman, M. Elizabeth Langevin, and Sonia H. Eilersen.

Earnest Richardson, county surveyor of South Branch Township, was up here Tuesday and surveyed out the grade for the road leading from this city to the Danish Resort grounds at Portage Lake. It is expected to begin work on this road soon.

## CROSSWORD



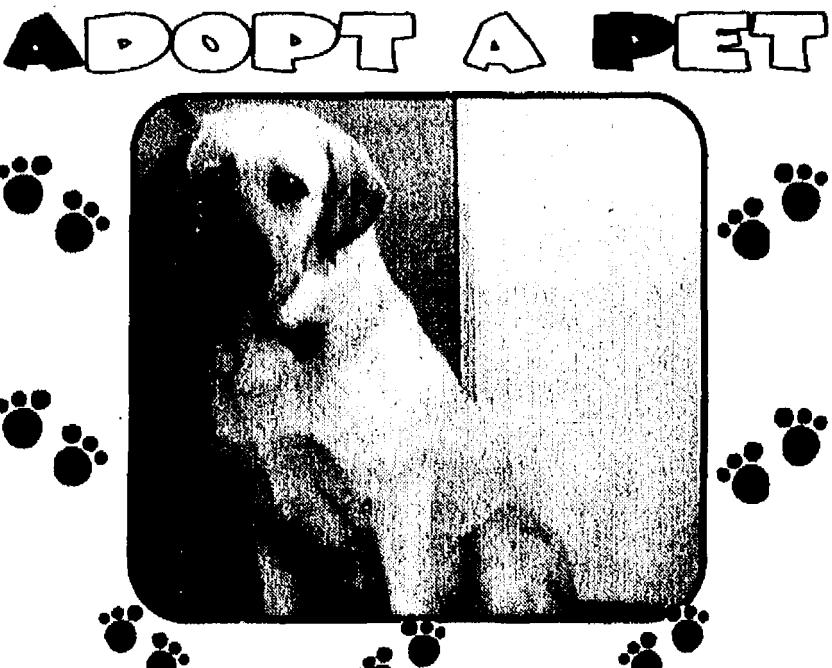
### ACROSS

- Condemns to death.
- Variant of caulk.
- French for "but."
- To distribute by lot.
- Jan., author of Who Ordered the Jumbo Shrimp?
- Holmlund Minarik, author of children's Little Bear book series.
- Lane, 2002 Best Actress Oscar nominee.
- Pivoted bar in a ratchet.
- To make agitated.
- Person who makes sure rules are followed.
- Flat storage trunk.
- Large snakes that kill by constriction.
- Small, often isolated areas.
- DeeDee, ... Stephanie Kramer's role on Hunter.
- To push to do something.
- I owe you.
- State of being married to one person at a time.
- Durable, plain-woven, cotton fabric.
- Benatar, singer of "Hit Me With Your Best Shot."
- River in Argentina flowing from the Andes to the Atlantic.
- Fat-soluble vitamin that prevents rickets.
- Diamond, starred in the 1980 remake of The Jazz Singer.
- Ellen DeGeneres' role in Finding Nemo.
- To think about constantly.
- Bel Geddes, Miss Ellie on Dallas.
- Group of similar persons or things.
- State of thinking of only one's self.
- Person who travels in an automobile.
- Thin strip used to hold items together.
- Angle formed by a leaf or branch with the stem.
- mediocrities, "the golden mean."
- To travel by horse.
- Louise, Ginger on Gilligan's Island.
- Moistens.
- At another time.
- At all times.
- Narrow strips of metal or wood.

DOWN

- Miami, ... County, site of one of the country's worst hurricane disasters.
- IA, oldest town in Jones County.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



This beautiful Yellow Lab is Hap. He is neutered, heartworm tested, and has all of his vaccinations. He is a very nice dog, but he is not good with other animals. Hap is very strong and should not go to a home with small children because of his size. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

There are still enough months remaining in the year to warrant buying a 2004 Pet Calendars for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 20 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

After hour appointments available. Call 989-348-4117

| WEATHER          |    | Extended Forecast                  |      |         |               |         |               |
|------------------|----|------------------------------------|------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|
|                  |    | (Courtesy of the City of Grayling) |      |         |               |         |               |
| <b>Last Week</b> |    | <b>Extended Forecast</b>           |      |         |               |         |               |
| Date             | H  | L                                  | Rain | Temp    | Temp          | Temp    | Temp          |
| 5/19             | 61 | 32                                 | 0    | Thunder | Sunny         | Sunny   | Sunny         |
| 5/20             | 73 | 44                                 | 0.18 | Rainy   | Cloudy        | Cloudy  | Cloudy        |
| 5/21             | 76 | 40                                 | 0.02 | High 69 | High 64       | High 70 | High 71       |
| 5/22             | 61 | 43                                 | 0.02 | Low 50  | Low 45        | Low 52  | Low 53        |
| 5/23             | 58 | 46                                 | 0.19 | High 68 | High 63       | High 72 | High 68       |
| 5/24             | 60 | 46                                 | 1.84 | Thunder | Partly Cloudy | Cloudy  | Partly Cloudy |
| 5/25             | 49 | 44                                 | 0.04 | Rain    | Shower        | Shower  | Light Rain    |

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

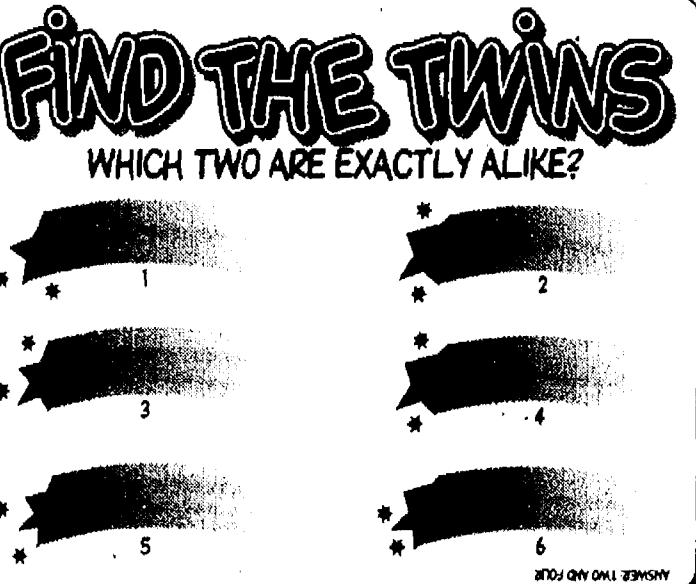


**Flower Cupcakes**

- 2 Easy-Bake Cake Mixes (any flavor)
- 2 Easy-Bake chocolate frosting packets (1 included with Easy-Bake cake mix) or 1 canister of chocolate frosting
- Floral wire or toothpicks
- Green Twizzlers
- Assorted gummy candy (suggest gummy worms, gummy melons and sour tape)

Bake and cool two Easy-Bake on top of your cake

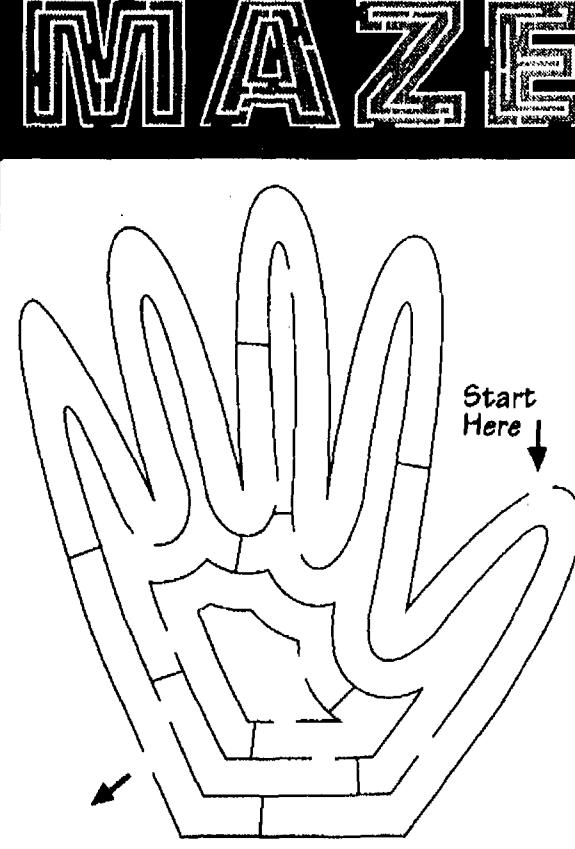
**FIND THE TWINS**  
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



**DID YOU KNOW ??**

**It is impossible to lick your elbow!**

**MAZE**



**TAUSCOPIS**  
For the Week of May 27, 2004

**Horoscopes**

| Zodiac Sign | Description                                                                                                                                                 | Month                   | Day   |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| CAPRICORN   | A friend receives a diagnosis. Give them your support, but don't coddle them. They need to face up to the situation and learn to cope with it on their own. | March 21–April 19       | 1–6   |
| TAURUS      | Your energy level peaks. Put some of it to use in a new hobby or sport. A deadline at work quickly approaches—get busy.                                     | April 20–May 18         | 7–12  |
| GEMINI      | Nothing bothers you more than having to step on toes, but this time, you have no choice. The project is not going to get done unless you're brutal.         | May 19–June 17          | 13–18 |
| CANCER      | Congratulations. That position you've had your eye on for some time finally becomes yours. Celebrate with a night on the town.                              | June 18–July 16         | 19–24 |
| LEO         | You uncover a juicy secret. Keep it to yourself or risk losing a valuable contact. Travel plans get even better.                                            | July 17–August 14       | 25–30 |
| LIBRA       | You finish a cumbersome home improvement project. Reward yourself with a good movie or a long walk in the park.                                             | August 15–September 12  | 1–6   |
| SCORPIO     | Everything you do is a smashing success. Enjoy your moment of glory and don't forget to share it with those closest to you.                                 | September 13–October 10 | 7–12  |
| SAGITTARIUS | A loved one feels neglected. Set aside some time for them and do something special. Time is running out for you to make a decision regarding a proposal.    | October 11–November 7   | 13–18 |
| Capricorn   | Shame on you. You fall off your exercise routine. Get back on track, or your waistline and your overall health could suffer.                                | November 8–December 21  | 19–24 |

# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

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Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

[www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

## 1. Real Estate

**MANISTEE RIVER** - Newer cedar sided chalet has 2 bedrooms, loft, fireplace, multi level decking, and 110 feet of secluded frontage. \$179,900. For more information or for a free market analysis on your property, please contact Chad Brown, Realtor/Owner 45th Parallel Realty (231) 499-8292 or (866) 836-6604. (-27/1)

**MANISTEE RIVER** - Large 2,700 square foot home offers four bedrooms, loft, den, two fireplaces, and a large deck overlooking 100 feet of river frontage. \$187,500. For more information or for a free market analysis on your property, please contact Chad Brown, Realtor/Owner 45th Parallel Realty (231) 499-8292 or (866) 836-6604. (-27/1)

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**BLUE LAKE VACANT** - Rare vacant frontage on gin-clear Big Blue Lake in Kalkaska County. Heavily wooded parcels each have 110' of sandy frontage. Seller is a licensed realtor \$199,000. For more information or for a free market analysis on your property, please contact Chad Brown, Realtor/Owner 45th Parallel Realty (231) 499-8292 or (866) 836-6604. (-27/1)

**10 HEAVILY WOODED** hilly acres on paved road. 24 x 32 pole barn, electric. Old 612 Lovells. Walk to North Branch AuSable \$49,000. 989-344-8032. (-27-3-10-17-24/1)

**LARGE LOT** with new 12x16 storage building at 11 Lewiston Grade Road, Grayling. \$12,000 phone 989-588-6974. (-20-27/1)

## 1. Real Estate

**BLUE LAKE RETREAT** - ideal for the large family or two families, this property has a 3 bedroom main home with attached garage, in addition to a 2 bedroom "lake cottage". Other features include a large pole barn, attached garage, multi level decking to the water and 110' of spectacular sandy frontage on one of the cleanest all-sports lakes in the state. \$429,900. For more information or for a free market analysis on your property, please contact Chad Brown, Realtor/Owner 45th Parallel Realty (231) 499-8292 or (866) 836-6604. (-27/1)

**AUSABLE RIVER HOME** for sale with 338' of beautiful frontage. 1414 Ole Dam Road, Grayling. \$189,000. Call 989-348-9415 for more information. (-20-27/1)

**BOATS CAN BE STORED** in your new 16' high 1,200 sq ft storage building. Got a lot stuff and no place to put it? \$29,900 will buy you a brand new building already on a 50'x70' lot. Contact Randy Thompson at Century 21 River Country: 989-348-5474. (-27/1)

**NEW CUSTOM BUILT**

**HOME** on 2.25 acres, ranch, three bedroom, two bath, 28 x 28 garage, custom oak cabinets throughout, oak flooring, ceramic, cathedral ceiling, Anderson windows, close to holy waters of AuSable River, must see for \$140,000. 348-5372. (-LR6/17/04/1)

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties** [www.century21grayling.com](http://www.century21grayling.com) (1/7/99tf/1)

**STORAGE BUILDING FOR SALE** 1,200 sq ft of space, 16' high, 14' overhead door on a 50x70 lot with electric and 24 hour access. Located in Grayling city limits. \$29,900.00 includes the building and the land. Contact Randy Thompson at Century 21 River Country: 989-348-5474. (-27/1)

**NEW NEW NEW JJ's Auto Glass** (a division of JJ's Motor Mall) Complete auto glass service. Deductibles waived up to \$150.00, stone chips fixed, windshield repair and replacement. Stop in for a free estimate. JJ's Auto Glass (across from Skip's) M-72 West 348-7710. (5/27/2004tf/1)

**VACANT LAND 3 1/2 +/- acres.**

**Secluded.** Lots of pines and oaks. North of Roscommon, east of Grayling. \$15,500. 810-231-1265. (-27-3/1)

**HOUSE AND IN HOME** business space for sale by owner. 2504 square ft total. Lots of possibilities, zoned, R2, 420 East Main Street, Gaylord. 989-732-8039. (-13-20-27-3/1)

**LAND FOR SALE** by owner. Almost 4 acres on the AuSable River. About 500 feet of frontage. \$60,000. Call Chris at 989-348-4037. (-27/1)

**GREAT LOCATION** for year round fun! 2-bedroom, 1 bath with private setting, hot tub, recent updates inside and out. Walking distance to park, library and paved nature trails. Minutes to golfing, skiing, and Higgins Lake. Conveniently located near I-75 and US127 on paved road, 8306 S. Grayling Road. \$69,900. Contact owner 989-915-1182. (-27/1)

**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH**, 1500 sq ft, 6 appliances, upstairs laundry. New: AC, furnace, duct work, roof and windows. Full basement, one side finished. Deck, 24x28 garage plus RV shed. 120x120 double lot. Lots of storage. In town 610 Rose Street at Lake Street. 94,000 obo, 734-397-2427. (-27-3/1)

**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATHS, 1 car**

**Rare Lakefront Parcels!** **Grand Opening June 19th** Magnificent Building Sites in Grand Traverse County on a quiet, private lake. This is an ideal setting for your very special hideaway. Prices start at \$89,900. McKeough Land Company (800) 290-LAND

**2. For Rent**

**Dubais** **BED** Rental Center. Tents, Tables & Chairs, Lawn & Concrete Tools Available (989) 348-9000 5615 W. M-72, Grayling, MI 49738

**FOR RENT**

**Grayling Housing Commission** Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income Maximum Ceiling Rents

One Bedroom ....\$400.00 Two Bedroom ....\$350.00

Rent Includes Utilities

These flat rents are the maximum rents to be paid for the units listed above. The Grayling Housing Commission basic rent is calculated on 30% of income.

308 Lawndale Drive Telephone: 989-348-9314

**1. Real Estate**

**Proud To Be American!**

**Very well maintained 2 BR, 1 bath mobile in Bear Lake Township.** Situated across from Cub Lake with views right around the corner from all sports Bear Lake and close to the Blue Bear trails #5165 \$54,500

**Nicely maintained 3 BR home** has a large 20x221 living room and has had many updates to the home within the past few years; to include new floor covering and drywall. #5045 \$73,500

**Beautiful, big, roomy, home** located in the city limits. Some features are: country kitchen, hardwood floor, new carpet, french doors, abundant ceiling fans, ceramic tile floors, mud room, 2 1/2 baths, photographic darkroom and full finished basement. #5227 \$83,500

**Affordable 3 bedroom home** just minutes from town. This home is in a perfect location, near state land, the East Branch of the AuSable River and around the corner from a snowmobile trail head. Perfect for that recreational get away or full time residence. #5247 \$98,000

**Furnished**

**Cozy, solid and clean, 2 bedroom cottage built in 1997** has a neat location adjoining Big Creek. 10x19 screened porch, large storage building, nice wood burning stove and some furniture to stay. Warblers offers a club house, pool, trout pond. #5265 \$68,000

**Situated on 5 acres** this 1900 SF home with 3 to 4 bedrooms, living room and family room, ceramic flooring in kitchen, plenty of remodeling has been done. 28 x 32, 2 story barn and circle drive. #5094 \$99,900

**Well maintained spotlessly clean chalet in Warbler's Hideaway.** Close to outdoor swimming pool and club house. 3 bedrooms and 1 bath, attached garage, sits on 2 lots with easy access to paved county maintained road. #5136 \$75,000

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**MOBILE HOME** 2 and 3 bedroom. \$400 up, pet restrictions. 989-348-5278. (-27/2)

**CLEAN 2 BEDROOM HOUSE** with garage. 5 miles from town \$450 per month, security deposit, references required, no pets. 348-8386. (-20-27-3-10-17/2)

**HOUSE FOR RENT** 2 bedrooms, washer and dryer. \$550. 348-2142. Available June 6. (-27/2)

**EFFICIENCY CABIN** \$310.00 per month, \$310.00 security deposit, \$50.00 cleaning fee. Utilities included. 989-348-5124. (-27/2)

**ONE BEDROOM IN TOWN** on AuSable, upstairs. \$375 a month and references. 231-599-2895. (05/20/04TF/2)

**CLEAN THREE** bedroom house, 1 1/2 baths, large living room with fireplace, kitchen with dining room. 2 car attached garage, plus storage sheds, large wooded lots, range refrig, washer, dryer, dishwasher inc. \$650 month plus security and utilities. References required, no pets. 5956 Ridgeway, M-72 W. 1/2 mile from city 348-4716. (-27/04tf/2)

#### 3 Employment

**TWO-BEDROOM DUPLEX** recently remodeled, laundry hook up, lawn care, snowplowing, adult non-smoking. \$445, employment and rental refer. 700B Smith Street. Phone 348-2178. (5/27/04tf/2)

**FREDERIC: EFFICIENCY** apartment furnished/includes utilities, cable. Reference, no pets. \$300/mo, plus deposit 989-348-5012. (-13-20-27/2)

**CABINS AT LOST ACRES** one bedroom cabins for rent for \$375, including all utilities, plus \$200 security. Units are located on 30 wooded acres at 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, two miles south of Waters. Walk to Blue Gill Lake. Call Leo toll free at 877-277-6976 or at 586-216-0682. Sorry, no pets allowed. (2/19/04tf/2)

**NICE 3 BEDROOM** house, fenced yard, heated garage, lake access. References and security deposit. 348-2346 evenings, Monday thru Friday 348-5982. (-27/2)

**1-2 BEDROOM** upstairs apartment, downtown Grayling. No smoking, no pets. First, last and security deposit, \$375 a month plus utilities. Available now. If interested, call 989-348-2833. (4/15/04tf/2)

#### 3 Employment

**FOR RENT: TWO BEDROOM** apartment located on Elm Street in City of Grayling. Rent is \$450 per month plus deposit and utilities. Garbage pick up, lawn care, snow removal is included in rent. Contact Northwoods Rentals 989-344-8787. (-05/06/04tf/2)

**FOR LEASE COMMERCIAL** Building. Approximately 4,000 ft, great retail location at light on M-72 West and 93. Call for details. (989) 348-8659 (11/20/03tf/2)

**WEEKLY AND MONTHLY** house rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake. Higgins North Cottage Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03tf/2)

#### 3 Employment

**ENGINEERING CLERK POSITION** Air Way Automation

- An opening for an entry level Engineering Clerk. Experience with AutoCAD required, Microsoft products helpful. Will consider full time summer position, leading to part-time school co-op position in the fall. Please direct inquiries to Engineering Manager, PO Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738. Resume by fax delivery to (989)348-8967. (-20-27/3)

**LOOKING FOR FRIENDLY** outgoing people to work in a fun, exciting retail establishment for the summer. Full and part time, able to work weekends. Send reply to PO Box 667 Grayling 49738. (5/27/04tf/3)

**HELP WANTED CASHIER** nights and weekends. Ole Dam Road Party Store. Apply in person. (-20-27/3)

#### PART-TIME FRONT OFFICE

position Air Way Automation - An opening for a part-time receptionist - telephone, and general office experience helpful. Will consider full time summer position, leading to part-time school co-op position in the fall. Please direct inquiries to Air Way Automation, PO Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738. Resume by fax delivery to (989)348-8967. (-20-27/3)

**NORTHERN PURE ICE** Company is seeking a mechanic and all around maintenance person. Please respond with a resume stating qualifications - qualified people only - to Jay Roberts, 427 S. I-75 Business Loop; Grayling, Michigan 49738. Strong mechanical ability covering preventative maintenance ranging from electric motors to diesel engines. Electrical controls and refrigeration experience a plus. (-20-27/3)

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**CDL CLASS A or B route drivers wanted.** Daily medium to heavy labor involved. Seasonal work - summers may include part-time in winter. Good wages, health insurance available. Northern Pure Ice Co., 427 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738. Apply in person. (-20-27/3)

**MAINTENANCE** - Local Wood Plant is seeking an experienced maintenance person able to perform in the following areas: installation, maintenance and repairs to all plant equipment including their electrical and hydraulic components. Fabrication and welding a must. The ideal candidate will possess the following: strong analytical and trouble shooting skills, effective communication, the ability to work independently and as a team player, your own tools a plus, send resume and salary requirements to: Wood Plant PO Box 547 Grayling, MI 49738. (-27/3)

**HELP WANTED:** Experienced cooks and waitress, full time. Apply in person. Country Skillet Cafe, M-72 West at Bear Lake Road. (-27-3/3)

**SECURITY OFFICERS** Camp Grayling. Full/part time, all shifts, \$9.20-\$9.70/hr. Drug test, H.S. diploma or GED. Must have telephone and car. 517-641-6734. (-27/3)

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES:** Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday, All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday, Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

**NOW HIRING** - Ross Painting is now accepting apps for employment. Drivers license and transportation a must. Call 344-7677. (-27-3/3)

**WANT TO KEEP COOL** for the summer? Production workers needed. Minimum 48 hours per week from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. All shifts available. May lead to year round work with BS/BC benefits and 401K plan. Good job for college students. Starting at \$7.00 p/h. Apply in person at Northern Pure Ice Company, 427 S. I-75 Business Loop Grayling. (-20-27/3)

**SUPERVISOR - INBOUND R&L** Carriers, one of the nation's largest family-owned LTL motor freight carriers, has an immediate opening for an Inbound Router Supervisor, 3rd shift. Requires previous freight handling/warehouse LTL sup/dispatch exp with proven organization, communication, people/leadership, and computer skills. Must be familiar with the surrounding area. Class A CDL a plus, but not required. We offer an excellent compensation and benefits package that includes a 401(K) retirement plan and free vacation lodging at our employee resorts in Ft Myers Beach FL and Pigeon

Forge TN. For the opportunity to join our growing company, apply at or rush your resume to 2704 W. Federal Highway, Roscommon, MI 48653 or fax to 989-275-8455. PH:888-749-4327. M/F/V/DOE www.gorlc.com www.rlrlc.com (-27/3)

**HILLTOP MANOR HEALTH** Care Center has openings for these positions: afternoon, full-time and part-time nurses. Part-time nurses for all shifts. Afternoon and midnight, full-time and part-time CENA's. Part-time housekeeper with potential/temporary full-time hours. We offer competitive wages along with benefit packages for full-time and part-time employees. If you would like to be part of a winning team, please apply in person at 1290 East Michigan Highway Roscommon, MI 49653. Hilltop Manor is an equal opportunity employer. (-27-3/3)

**STUMP GRINDING** at reasonable prices. Phone 348-8066. (-4/29/04f/4)

**IT'S MOTHER'S DAY** all month long at Day's Inn Grayling! Treat mom to a night away, complete with sweets, flowers, and breakfast in bed - all for only \$45.00 plus tax! What mom doesn't deserve that? Make her stay extra special with an upgrade to one of our jacuzzi suites for only \$25.00 more! Call ahead at 344-0204 for reservations. Offer valid through 05/31/04. (-6-13-20-27/4)

**SUMMER DRIVER'S TRAINING** and Road Testing for cars and motorcycles is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register Now for the June 14 class. Contact Howard Lehti 348-8838. (-LR6/10/2004/4)

**CHILD'S PLAY DAY CARE** now accepting children. Pat McLaughlin owner and certified elementary teacher. 348-4249. (-6-13-20-27/4)

**LET JJ'S MOTOR MALL** Get your car, truck or van ready for Spring. Detail includes wash, wax, steam clean carpets and seats, windows, trunk and tires. Appointments necessary. M-72 West (across from Skip's Sport Shop). (989) 348-7710 (1/1/04f/4)

**JERRY YARD WORK** raking and mowing, boat dock two man crew, truck, and tools. Pay by hours call 989-348-7046. (-20-27-3-10/4)

**NEW NEW NEW JJ's Auto Glass** (a division of JJ's Motor Mall) Complete auto glass service. Deductibles waived up to \$150.00, stone chips fixed, windshield repair and replacement. Stop in for a free estimate. JJ's Auto Glass (across from Skip's) M-72 West 348-7710. (5/27/2004f/4)

**WE'LL GET YOUR HOUSE** ready for spring or clean it as often as you like. Please call my cell phone 989-619-0910. (-20-27-3-10/4)

**I WILL HELP** you keep your loved one at home. Cook a meal, run errands or any thing you need. Please call 989-619-0910, licensed CENA. (-20-27-3-10/4)

**JUST IN TIME** for Father's day at J. Dap Co., 118 Mich. Ave. Decoys, lamps, welcome signs, beer batter bread mixes, AuSable chocolate rocks, gourmet dips and chili and hot sauces from Old Fart Baked Bean Co. Stop in and get a great gift for your dad, husband, boyfriend, brother or uncle! (-27-3-10-17/5)

**FINALLY, AFFORDABLE** health insurance. For a free quote call (800)979-6273. Bob Talbot/Local Agent. Underwritten by the Mega Life & Health Insurance Company, Home Office: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma M/NATL0320. (-27/5)

**FOR SALE: 4in x 12in Bellsaw** planer 348-8619. (-27-3/5)

**NICE 11' WOLVERINE** truck camper with gas - electric ref., gas range, double sink, gas furnace, toilet and sink in restroom. Sleeps 4. \$1,500. At 11 Lewiston Grade Road, Grayling, phone 989-588-6974. (-20-27/5)

**77' GLASTRON**, mint condition, 55 Evinrude motor. \$1,100 obo. Call Tim 348-5305. (-27/5)

**HOBIE CAT** sail boat, 16 foot, many extras, good condition. \$500 obo. 810-231-1732. (-27/5)

**BLAZE KING** air tight wood stove. Good condition \$225.00, 348-8254. (-27/5)

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**LIBERTY LANDSCAPE & MOWER** Residential, commercial, free estimates, insured. Spring-fall clean-up, retaining walls, power washing, lawn maintenance, fertilizing. 989-614-7239 Jim, 989-614-1213 Derick. (-27-3-10-17/4)

**SEWING, ZIPPERS, MENDING,** quilter Ask for Lorrie (989)348-7299. (-13-20-27-3/4)

**RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT** all your interior and exterior home improvement needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-20-27-3-10/4)

**QUALITY CONSTRUCTION** roofing, siding, decks, gutter systems. Also power washing. Licensed, free estimates 348-5817, 989-390-1526. (LR07/15/04/4)

**COLLEN MASONRY** basements, crawls, garages, cultured stone, driveways, licensed, insured. Phone 989-348-6184, cell 989-390-0767. (LR8/12/04/4)

**5. For Sale**

**LIZARD FOR SALE** - Fat Tailed Leopard Gecko with tank, heat rock, water dish, etc. Friendly, low maintenance pet. \$75.00 821-5319 after 5pm. (-4/22/04f/5)

**RUSTIC LOG FURNITURE** local maker has quality pieces available. Built to order. Lower overhead means lower prices to you. Call 348-6677. If no answer, please leave message. (3/4/04f/5)

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**3423 WEST FIVE MILE** and 7436 Merrio Road. Tools, air compressor, new generator, mower, garden tractor, custom made wood items, furniture, crib. May 28, 29 and 30. 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. (-27/10)

**YARD SALE** 8144 Finch Lane, Friday and Saturday 9-5 - Camping gear, twin and king size bedding, dishes, girls clothing sizes 3-12, toys, jewelry, girls bike, claw foot bath tub, bathroom sink faucets plus lots more. (-27/10)

**HOUSE PAST** the Holiday Inn. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday - 10? May 28 thru 31. (-27/10)

**BIG GARAGE SALE** - May 29, 30 and 31. 9 to 5. 17 miles east of Grayling off of North Down. 2322 Wynnewood Road, Warbler's Hideaway. (-27/10)

**HUGE YARD SALE** 10-4, May 28th - May 29th. Sports cards, household items, kid's clothes and toys. 1069 Glenn Road, off N. Down. (-27/10)

**GARAGE SALE:** Friday - Saturday, May 29-30. Tools, fishing equip., guns, household items, record collect., stereos, 14' boat motor, trailer (new) 71 Chevy Malibu (30,000 miles), many misc. items. Starks resort, 1119 McIntyre Landing. (-27/10)

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY** 29 & 30, garage sale 9 - 4. 646 Robinhood, Washer/Dryer, dresser, water bed, kid's toys, clothing, kitty kat snowmobile, patio furniture and misc. (-27/10)

**MAY 29 & 30** Saturday and Sunday, 10 - 4. Hundreds of items. Christmas, glassware, toys, small appliances, roof avalanche, etc.. Also class B motorhome and a 16ft boat with motor and trailer, fully loaded. 10235 S. Oak Road (south of W. Fletcher) Beaver Creek Twp. (-27/10)

**9AM TO 5PM** at 408 Chestnut Street in town across from middle School. Clothes, toys, deep freezer, lights for garage, black air compressor, air conditioner, cooking grill, kids books, cab for truck, and lots more. (-27/10)

**ANNUAL GARAGE SALE** fishing stuff, home decorations, children's and larger women's clothing, odds and ends. 11846 M-72 West, across from Tompkins Excavating, Friday, Saturday, Monday 9-5, Sunday 12 to 5. (-27/10)

**MOVING SALE** Friday - Sunday 9:00 - 6:00. Tools, miscellaneous, furniture, clothes, something for everyone. 7636 South Staley Lake Road. (-27/10)

### BAKE SALE

Sat. May 29th

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\$1. Mary's Sch. Bldg.

### NOTICE OF BID

The AuSable River Festival Committee is accepting application from non-profit agencies to set up a food booth in the City Park Pavilion on July 24&25, 2004. Successful bidder must provide certificate of insurance for a specified amount, make provisions for trash disposal, clean up site at the site of event. Applications can be obtained at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, City Park Grayling, MI and returned on or before June 11, 2004

## Avalanche Sets Deadline

**Deadlines For Memorial Day** The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day, and will reopen at 9 am Tuesday, June 1.

The deadline for display ads for the June 3 issue is Thursday, May 27, 5 pm. Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by noon Friday, May 28. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday, June 1 noon.

## AVALANCHE

**ANNUAL MULTI-FAMILY** garage sale. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 3-4-5, 200 Fulton Street. Many added items. Sale hours 9am to 5pm. (-27/10)

**BARN SALE** antiques, collectables. 9 to 5 Saturday, May 29th and Sunday, May 30th, 6019 Twin Peaks Road. Three miles South of Waters on Old 27. Look for signs. Glassware, clothes, Christmas decorations, Harley Davidson memorabilia, hats knitted items., 14' Sylvan with 15 hp Johnson, tent, iron bed, much more. (-27/10)

**YARD SALE** - 4 family - 5/28 & 5/29, 9am - 3pm - office supplies, file cabinet, parrot cage, kitchen items, linens, clothes, luggage, knick-knacks, humidifier, guy stuff, travel info, old trunk and valises. 203 North Park Dr. off Roberts Road. (-20-27/10)

**DONNA'S GARAGE SALE** There will be a lot of household items I no longer use, plus bedding, drapes, seasonal items, children's bicycles, books and much, much more. Friday, May 28th and Saturday May 29th from 9am to 3pm. 3308 Margrethe Blvd., Grayling. (-27/10)

**LARGE GARAGE SALE**/multi family, furniture, antiques, household /linens and appliances, books some old, clothing, uniforms, Christmas decorations, reasonable prices, free kittens. Worth the drive. Follow signs. West of Charlie's Country Corner on 4 Mile to King Road. 8 to 6, Friday and Saturday. Jack's Processing. (-27/10)

**BIG SALE** Lots of great stuff, clean and in good condition. Something for all. 5/28 - 5/29 9 - ? 807 Maple St. (-27/10)

**GARAGE SALE** - May 29th (Saturday only) 8 to 5. I-75 to Exit 264, CR 612, E 1 1/4 miles to Petersen Road., S on Petersen 1/4 mile to 6736 Petersen. Queen mattress set and frame, air conditioners (1 large, 1 small), freezer, gas range, sheets, spreads, blankets, household items, radial arm saw, 1969 convertible, 2002 snowmobile, tall dresser, hammock, large mirror, computer and printer, VHS videos, dehumidifier, humidifier, fireplace hearth, air compressor, elec yard trimmer, 16 ft ext ladder, furniture, truck weights, turntable and old records, misc tools and auto items, Xmas decorations, magazines and paperbacks, two 3 speed bicycles, all items in good condition. (-27/10)

**GARAGE SALE** - May 27th and 28th 4527 C.R. 612. Antiques, cast iron griddle, electric typewriter, chairs, spot lights, wine bottles, toys, TV, knick-knacks, dishes and more! (-27/10)

**REMAINS OF ESTATE SALE:** 700 Maple Street, Grayling, May 27 and 28, 9am - 5pm. (SGF-20-27/10)

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## AVALANCHE

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